

*In Observance of the
75th Anniversary
of the Founding
of
East Central Community College
The Board of Trustees, Administration,
Faculty, Staff and Students
cordially invite you to attend
A Convocation and Celebration*

*Thursday, August 28, 2003
10:45 a.m.*

*Huff Memorial Auditorium
Broad Street
Decatur, Mississippi*

*A pre-convocation reception will be held
in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria
from 9:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.*

*Lunch will be served on the East Mall
at the conclusion of the program.*





STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR

August 14, 2003

East Central Community College
75th Anniversary
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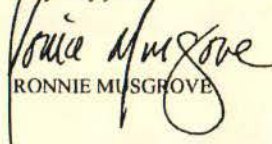
Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am honored to extend my best wishes and congratulations to the Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students of East Central Community College upon the celebration of your 75th Anniversary. This celebration is indeed a great blessing for you and your community.

This celebration marks 75 years of dedication and has set the standard for not only teaching countless professionals but also for demonstrating an undying commitment to educating the people of our state. Please know I deeply appreciate the many contributions that you have made in the State of Mississippi. With the hard work and commitment of learning institutions, like East Central Community College, we will continue to make Mississippi America's State of Promise.

Again, congratulations to you and best wishes for many wonderful years to come. Please feel free to call on me whenever I may be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,


RONNIE MUSGROVE

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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WITH YOU IN MIND

Since 1928

THE HISTORY OF EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

In 1928 the Legislature of the State of Mississippi adopted the first basic laws for the organization and operation of Mississippi public junior colleges. East Central Community College opened its doors to a freshman class of twenty students for the first regular session in September of 1928. The College occupied buildings that were a part of the Newton County Agricultural High School, which had been organized in 1914. The Agricultural High School was located on property belonging to the Decatur Municipal School District, which had been created in 1912. The upper high school grades that comprised the Newton County Agricultural High School were a part of the College until 1958 when they moved to the Decatur Attendance Center.

In March of 1939, East Central Junior College was accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It has been reaffirmed each decade since. Today the College holds membership in the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, The Mississippi Association of Colleges, and The Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Originally the institution was supported by three counties — Newton, Neshoba and Scott. Later they were joined by Leake and Winston.

From the two members of the original faculty of East Central Community College, Mrs. W.W. Newsome and Mr. Robert Marshall, the number of full and part-time personnel has increased to over 240 for the current year. Since its founding, seven presidents have served the institution.

East Central Community College Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater, we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
Here's all our love to you.

Long may we cherish our days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

Convocation

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of East Central Community College

August 28, 2003 • 10:45 a.m.

Huff Auditorium

"Seventy-five Years of Quality Education With You in Mind"

Processional

Welcome and Introductions.....Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
Vice President for Instruction

Invocation.....Reverend Chris Vowell

Music.....ECCC Concert Choir Ensemble
directed by Dr. Chris Jenkins

Greetings from the State Board
for Community and Junior Colleges.....Gen. Denver Brackeen

Remarks.....Mr. Prentice Copeland, Chairman
East Central Board of Trustees

Address.....Miss Lucille Wood
"A Past to Remember, A Future to Fulfill"

Remarks by the Presidents:

Mr. W. Arno Vincent
Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Dr. Phil A. Sutphin

East Central Alma Mater.....ECCC Concert Choir Ensemble
The audience is invited to join in singing the Alma Mater.

Recessional

*EAST CENTRAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE*

*Seventy-five Years
"With You in Mind"*



*PERSONNEL DIRECTORY
2003 - 2004*

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SUTPHIN, Dr. Phil A.....President
175 Administration Bldg. Ext. 200

SCOGGIN, Lee Ann.....Administrative Assistant
173 Administration Bldg. Ext. 201

INSTRUCTION

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171 Administration Bldg. Ext. 202

GERMANY, Carole..... Secretary
173 Administration Bldg. Ext. 203

DAVIS, Gene..... Dean of Adult and Continuing Education
177 Administration Bldg. Ext. 279

DAVIS, Midge.....Secretary
Administration Bldg. Ext. 278

HANSON, Mary..... Dir. of Learning Skills Center and Distance Learning
108 Newton Hall Ext. 329

SANDERS, Kathy..... Faculty Secretary
79 Newton Hall Ext. 215

VANCE, Jeannie.....Faculty Secretary
79 Newton Hall Ext. 215

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VANCE, Mickey..... Vice President for Business Operations
187 Administration Bldg. Ext. 208

CASE, David..... Director for Technology Management
191 Administration Bldg. Ext. 269

BAUCUM, Brandi..... Accountant II
190 Administration Bldg. Ext. 209

BOYKIN, Regina..... Technology Management Assistant
191 Administration Bldg. Ext. 269

CRAFT, Sherry Business Office Clerk
190 Administration Bldg. Ext. 209

FITZGERALD, Tammie..... Business Office Clerk
190 Administration Bldg. Ext. 209

PACE, Derek..... Assistant Dir. for Tech. Management
191 Administration Bldg. Ext. 269

PURVIS, R. T..... Information Technology Technical Specialist
191 Administration Bldg. Ext. 368

SLAUGHTER, Hilda..... Business Office Clerk
190 Administration Bldg. Ext. 209

STAMPER, Shelia..... Business Office Clerk
190 Administration Bldg. Ext. 209

THORNE, Laura..... Accountant
190 Administration Bldg. Ext. 209

FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

HOLLINGSWORTH, Stacey..... Adm. Asst. Office of Foundation and
Alumni Relations Ext. 327
182 Administration Bldg.

STUDENT SERVICES

KILLENS, Joe..... Vice President for Student Services
201 Student Services Ext. 375

ALEXANDER, Michael..... Academic Counselor
207 Student Services Ext. 231

BAYSINGER, Mitsy..... Financial Aid Secretary
Student Services Ext. 326

CARSON, Brenda..... Financial Aid Director
106 Student Services Ext. 378

CHEATHAM, Brenda..... Secretary
Student Services Ext. 376

GREGORY, Brent..... Director of Student Life
203 Student Services Ext. 213

HANNA, Lanette..... Counselor
205 Student Services Ext. 308

HILL, Scott..... Intramurals Director
601 Brackeen-Wood Ext. 301

LEE, Christi..... Tech-Prep Career Center Dir. & Student Recruiter
Student Services Ext. 300

MOTT, Kimberly..... Financial Aid Assistant II
102 Student Services Ext. 379

RIGDON, Gloria..... College Nurse
Student Services - Clinic Ext. 267

SIBLEY, Martha..... Secretary
Student Services Ext. 376

SIZEMORE, Stacy..... Asst. to the Director of Student Life
Student Services Ext. 213

WEIDLER, Burma Reeves.....Financial Aid Assistant
104 Student Services Ext. 380

ADMISSIONS, RECORDS, AND RESEARCH

LUKE, Donna..... Dir. of Adm., Records, & Research
Student Services Ext. 206

MELTON, Malinda..... Secretary
Student Services Ext. 280

SMITH, Ann..... Secretary
Student Services Ext. 377

WINDHAM, Terry..... Secretary
Student Services Ext. 207

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL OFFICE

EASON, Wayne.....Dean of Vocational-Technical Instruction
301 First Floor Voc-Tech. Center Ext. 211

SANDERS, Maudean.....Asst. Dean
303 First Floor Voc-Tech. Center Ext. 282

AMIS, Sandra.....Tech. Prep Coordinator
302 First Floor Voc-Tech. Center Ext. 212

BUSH, Sylvia..... Counselor
307 First Floor Voc-Tech. Center Ext. 214

MCKEE, Linda..... Secretary
304 First Floor Voc-Tech. Center Ext. 210

KILLENS, Teri..... Secretary
304 First Floor Voc-Tech Center Ext. 210

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

WHITLOCK, Roger..... Director
100 Workforce Development Center Ext. 299

CLARK, Chris..... Workforce Development Coordinator
105 Workforce Development Center Ext. 245

HARRIS, Tina Basic Skills Specialist
107 Workforce Development Center Ext. 304

..... Work-Based Learning Coordinator
103 Workforce Development Center Ext. 305

RENAUD, Joseph J..... Personal Development Specialist
108 Workforce Development Center Ext. 295

RUSSELL, Scotty..... Workforce Development Coordinator
106 Workforce Development Center Ext. 265

SMITH, Emilie..... Workforce Dev. Center Secretary
Workforce Development Center Ext. 296

THAMES, Virgie..... SBDC Secretary
Workforce Development Center Ext. 296

WARREN, Blake..... Productivity Enhancement Lab Trainer
Philadelphia-Neshoba County Center 656-8544

WESTBROOK, Ronald..... Small Business Dev. Center Dir.
102 Workforce Development Center Ext. 297

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183 Administration Bldg. Ext. 242

MCLEOD, Maria..... Asst. to VP for Public Information
185 Administration Bldg. Ext. 303

YATES, Karen.....	Secretary
185 Administration Bldg.	Ext. 340

LIBRARY

JOHNSON, Gloria.....	Librarian
715 Burton Library	Ext. 219

WOOD, Gail.....	Asst. Librarian
714 Burton Library	Ext. 219

PART-TIME FACULTY

Part-time teaching faculty both on campus and off campus in evenings and summer school are employed as needed and are not on campus on a regular basis.

BOOKSTORE

SMITH, Michaelle.....	Manager
Bookstore	Ext. 250

SAVELL, Phyllis.....	Clerk
Bookstore	Ext. 250

STUDENT HOUSING

GREGORY, Brent.....	Director of Student Life/Dorm Host
Student Services	Ext. 213

McAdory, Ora Mae.....	Dormitory Hostess
Jackson Hall Dormitory	Ext.247

SULLIVAN, Maxine.....	Dormitory Hostess
Erma Lee Barber Hall Dormitory	Ext. 459

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Decatur United Methodist Church Ph. 635-2729

VAUGHN, Scott..... Baptist Student Union Director
Baptist Student Center Ph. 635-2481

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

PIERCE, Linda B. (Chairman).....English Instructor
69 Newton Hall Ext. 275

BOYD, Deborah.....English Instructor
65 Newton Hall Ext. 235

BOLER, Tanya.....English Instructor
66 Newton Hall Ext. 239

KINTON, Tony.....English Instructor
89 Newton Hall Ext. 324

LANE, Dr. Linda Moore.....Spanish Instructor
43 Huff Office Space Ext. 105

MOORE, Patsy.....English Instructor
Huff Office Space Ext. 364

SHACKLEFORD, Carol.....English Instructor
68 Newton Hall Ext. 365

SMITH, Melinda.....English Instructor
Huff Office Space Ext. 307

VAUGHN, George T.....Speech Instructor
119 Newton Hall Ext. 241

WEST, Juanita.....Speech Instructor
88 Newton Hall Ext. 236

FINE ARTS DIVISION

GURAEDY, Bruce (Chairman)..... Art Instructor
537 Vickers Fine Arts Ext. 229

BLAYLOCK, Vicki..... Keyboard, Music Instructor
502 Vickers Fine Arts Ext. 225

BOBO, Len..... Keyboard, Music Instructor
501 Vickers Fine Arts Ext. 227

BROWNLEE, Jared..... Asst. to Director of Bands
519 Vickers Fine Arts Ext. 306

CARSON, Thomas..... Music Instructor, Director of Bands
524 Vickers Fine Arts Ext. 228

JENKINS, Dr. Chris..... Choral/Vocal Music Instructor
510 Vickers Fine Arts Ext. 322

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE DIVISION

BULLOCK, L. B. (Chairman)..... Computer Science Instructor
18A South Campus Ext. 232

FORD, Sue Mathematics Instructor
13A South Campus Ext. 302

FULTON, Gail..... Mathematics Instructor
11 South Campus Ext. 238

MCMILLIN, Dr. Lisa..... Computer Science Instructor
18B South Campus Ext. 360

MCRAE, Gloria..... Mathematics Instructor
13B South Campus Ext. 339

MOORE, Gary Ann.....	Mathematics Instructor
13D South Campus	Ext. 325
REEVES, Haywood.....	Mathematics Instructor
13C South Campus	Ext. 361
THOMPSON, Kenneth.....	Mathematics Instructor
622 Brackeen-Wood	Ext. 370

SCIENCE DIVISION

DAVIS, Ron (Chairman).....	Biology Instructor
14 Cross Hall	Ext. 222
CLOPTON, Tommy.....	Chemistry Instructor
2 Cross Hall	Ext. 224
DAVIS, Patti.....	Biology Instructor
19 Cross Hall	Ext. 273
JOHNSON, Joe.....	Biology Instructor
7 Cross Hall	Ext. 221
LEJEUNE, Sharon.....	Biology/Chemistry Instructor
18 Cross Hall	Ext. 362
MILES, Billy.....	Physics Instructor
12 South Campus	Ext. 223

SOCIAL SCIENCES, EDUCATION AND BUSINESS DIVISION

WOOD, Lucille (Chairman).....	Physical Education and Education
63 Newton Hall	Ext. 237
ALEXANDER, Michael.....	Career Exploration
Student Services Bldg.	Ext. 231

CRENSHAW, Phillip.....	Social Science/History Instructor	
101C Newton Hall		Ext. 281
GRAHAM, Frances.....	Psychology Instructor	
Huff Office Space		Ext. 284
HOLT, Roberta.....	Accounting Instructor	
62 Newton Hall		Ext. 276
HURLEY, Wanda.....	Economics Instructor	
64 Newton Hall		Ext. 274
JOHNSON, Gloria.....	Library Science	
715 Library		Ext. 219
MCCOOL, Marcus.....	Social Science Instructor	
101B Newton Hall		Ext. 363
MCKEE, Maxine.....	Sociology Instructor	
Huff Office Space		Ext. 321
WOOD, Gail.....	Library Science	
714 Library		Ext. 219

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

GILMORE, Melanie.....	Dean of Assoc. Degree Nursing Program	
3 ADNCC Bldg.		Ext. 294
BOYKIN, Teresa	Instructor	
7 ADNCC Bldg.		Ext. 312
CANTEY, Sherri.....	Instructor	
11 ADNCC Bldg.		Ext. 316
DEAR, Dana.....	Instructor	
20 ADNCC Bldg.		Ext. 315
GORGAS, Lisa.....	Instructor	
ADNCC Bldg.		Ext. 318

KIRBY, Brenda Whatley.....	Instructor
ADNCC Bldg.	Ext. 319
MOORE, Wendy Buchanan.....	Instructor
8 ADNCC Bldg.	Ext. 313
ODOM, Cynthia.....	Instructor
12 ADNCC Bldg.	Ext. 317
PURSER, Kathy.....	Secretary
1 ADNCC Bldg.	Ext. 293
SAVELL, Christy.....	Instructor
19 ADNCC Bldg.	Ext. 314

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL DIVISION
INSTRUCTORS

CLIBURN, Sherri.....	Special Populations - Reading
409 Tucker Voc-Tech.	Ext. 291
BLACK, Patrick.....	EMT – Paramedic Tech/Director
Rives Educational Bldg.	Ext. 425
BLACKBURN, Jim.....	Electronic Technology
320 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 258
BOULTON, Mary.....	Gerontology
10 Ethridge Hall	Ext. 346
BRACKEEN, Wanda.....	Cosmetology
459 Annex	Ext. 216
BRELAND, Elizabeth.....	Business Technology
410 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 256
BUCKMAN, Katharine.....	LPN Instructor
Rives Educational Building	Ext. 283

BULLOCK, Ann.....	Business Technology
400 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 252
CLARK, James C.....	Electronic Technology
321 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 258
CLUFF, Kelly.....	Computer Network Support Technology Instructor
419 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 388
DICKERSON, Stella.....	Computer Technology
412 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 253
EVERETT, John.....	Electrical Technology
334 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 260
FERGUSON, Christy.....	Business Technology
401 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 292
FORTENBERRY, Thomas.....	Computer Network Support Tech.
416 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 254
GEORGE, Katherine.....	Child Development Technology
35 ADNCC	Ext. 277
GERMANY, Conrad R.....	Collision Repair Technology
362 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 261
GRESSETT, Danny.....	Machine Shop Technology
345 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 264
HARRISON, Ricky.....	Drafting and Design Technology
306 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 257
JOHNSON, Brenda.....	Computer Technology
411 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 255
JOHNSON, Brenda K.....	Child Care Attendant
ADNCC	635-3285

JORDAN, Gerald.....	Welding
353 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 263
LUKE, Lori.....	LPN Instructor
Rives Educational Building	Ext. 289
LYONS, Fredrick.....	Carpentry and Cabinet Making
473 Annex	Ext. 272
MASON, Barry.....	EMT - Paramedic Tech.
28 Rives Educational Bldg.	Ext.389
MAYES, Polly.....	Drafting and Design Technology
307 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 270
MCLEMORE, Scott.....	Automotive Technology
341 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 262
PILGRIM, Kristie.....	Surgical Technology
South Campus	Ext. 343
SELMAN, Lynn.....	Special Populations - Math
408 Tucker Vo-Tech	Ext. 291
SHIRLEY, LeAnn.....	Surgical Technology
South Campus	Ext. 344
WALL, Vanessa.....	Infant Toddler Child Care
ADNCC	635-3285
WILSON, Bill.....	Heating & Air Conditioning Tech Instructor
365 Tucker Voc-Tech	Ext. 259
WRIGHT, Mary Ann.....	Child Development Technology
34 ADNCC	Ext. 251

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MURPHY, Robert.....	Director
	656-2580

BARKER, Ginnie M.....	Secretary	656-8544
BROOKS, Sharon.....	Counselor	656-8544
IRBY, Joseph (Joey).....	Metal Trades Instructor	656-8544
MOORE, Michael.....	Custodian	656-8544
NORCROSS, Bill.....	Automotive Mechanics Instructor	656-8544
PIERCE, Brenda.....	Business Technology Instructor	656-8544
POWE, Jill.....	Clothing/Apparel/Textile Instructor	656-8544
STOKES, Chris.....	Technology Applications Instructor	656-8544
STOKES, Martha.....	Allied Health Instructor	656-8544
WEDGEWORTH, Sandra.....	Related Studies Instructor	656-8544

ATHLETICS

UNDERWOOD, Terry.....	Athletic Dir./Head Football Coach	
615 Brackeen-Wood		Ext. 244
COATS, Tim.....	Asst. Football Coach/Golf Coach	
615 Brackeen-Wood		Ext. 290
HILL, Scott.....	Softball Coach	
601 Brackeen-Wood		Ext. 301

HODGE, Brad Women's Basketball Coach/Tennis Coach
606 Brackeen-Wood Ext. 372

SIZEMORE, Stacy.....Assistant Football Coach
615 Brackeen-Wood Ext. 371

SMITH, Billy.....Men's Basketball Coach
620 Brackeen-Wood Ext. 243

THOMPSON, Kenneth..... Soccer Coach
622 Brackeen-Wood Ext. 370

UNDERWOOD, Carrie.....Athletic Secretary
Brackeen-Wood Ext. 310

YARBOROUGH, Jake..... Baseball Coach
Brackeen-Wood Ext. 374

CAMPUS SECURITY

P. R. O. Security Service.....Security Office
635-2121 Ext. 268

KINGERY, John..... Security Office
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FOOD SERVICES

BROWN, Patrick..... Mgr. of Valley
Mabry Cafeteria 635-2979

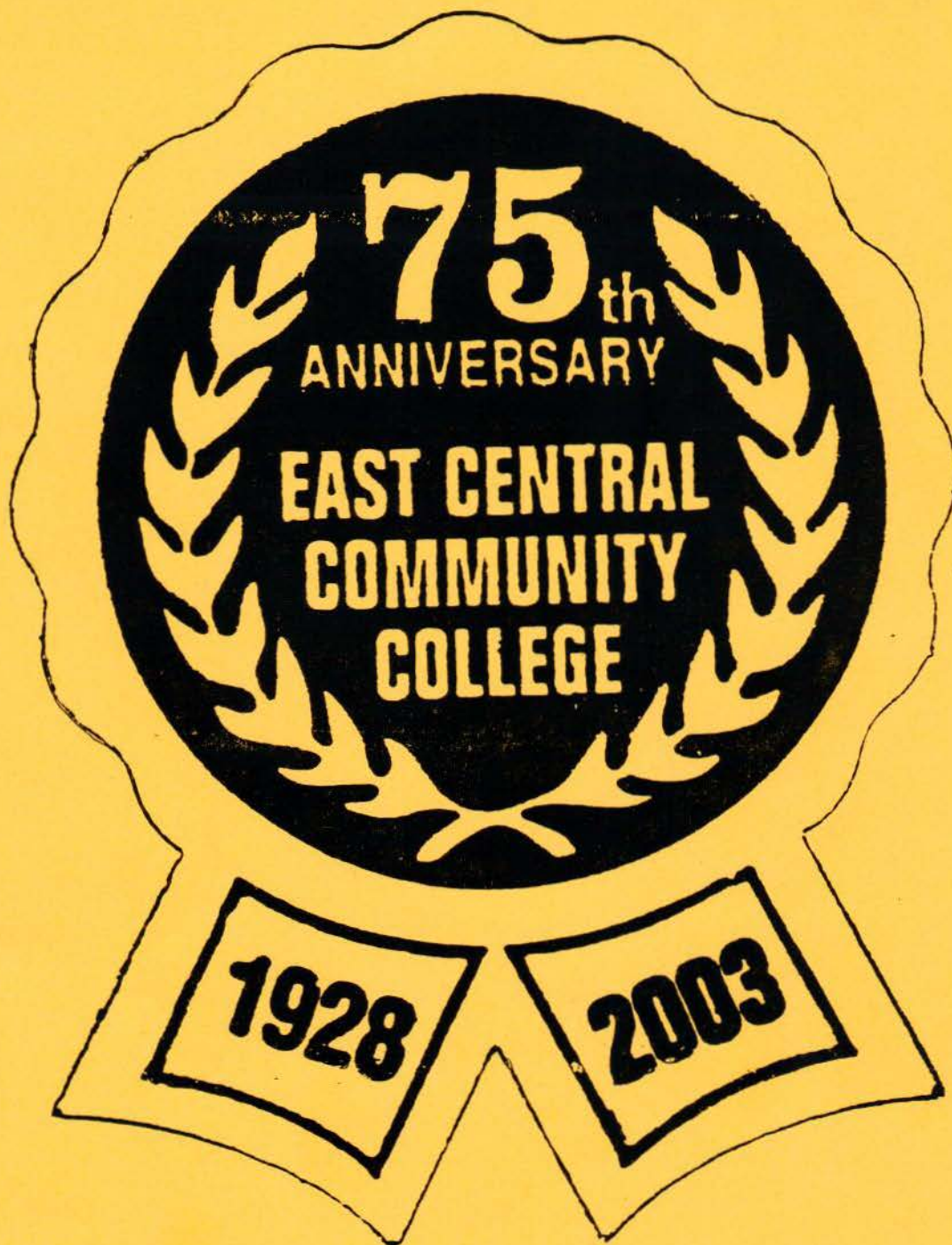
MCGEE, Molly.....Secretary
Mabry Cafeteria 635-2979

MAINTENANCE

DEARING, Lamar Michael..... Dir. of Physical Plant
Physical Plant Building Ext. 298

ADAMS, Lonnie.....	Custodian/Bus Driver
Physical Plant Building	Ext.266
BENDER, Richard.....	Grounds keeper
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
CHANDLER, Wesley.....	Heating and Air Conditioning/Electrician
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
COX, Grover.....	Night Supervisor
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
FOREMAN, Adam.....	Heating & Airconditioning/Electrician
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
FOREMAN, Alton.....	Bus Driver/Grounds Keeper
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
FOREMAN, Artie.....	Maintenance Supervisor
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
GALLASPY, David.....	Grounds Keeper
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
GALLASPY, Willie.....	Custodian
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
HAWKINS, Tommie S.	Grounds keeper
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
LUCROY, Billy.....	Custodian
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
MARTIN, Buffie.....	Custodian
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
MCCUNE, Bernice.....	Custodian
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266

MCWHIRTER, Michael.....	Electrician
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
MOWDY, Sean.....	Grounds Supervisor
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
NELSON, Dewey.....	Plumber/Carpenter
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
RUSSELL, Damion.....	Grounds Machine Operator
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
PATRICK, Martha.....	Custodian
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
SANDERS, Evenell.....	Custodian
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
TUCKER, Cindy Herrington.....	Secretary
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
TUNE, Stuart.....	Painter
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
WARNSLEY, Rosie.....	Custodian
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
WARNSLEY, Verstell.....	Custodian
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
WILLIAMS, Seber.....	Grounds Keeper
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
WILSON, Silesa.....	Custodian
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266
WROTEN, Henry.....	Custodian
Physical Plant Building	Ext. 266



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Bobby Johnston

Billy Johnson

Mickey Vance

Phil Bryant

Norman McLeod

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Kathy Buckman

Ann Durkes

Lewie Bure

Sandra Amis

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Joe Killen

~~Joseph Killen~~

Joseph Renard

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Lois McMillan

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Deek Rae

Shalatte Bracken

Denise Bracken

Wayne Eason

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Jim Wood

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Jared Growale

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Sonya Elmwood Marcose

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Lee Ann Scoggin

Betsy Clark

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Marylin Sullivan

Orla Mae McAdory

Berethy L. Thomas

BRAD Hodge

Alice Pouncy

Bill + Karen Freeman

Reginald + Mamie Thomas

Carol Vickers

Nancy Haggard

Pete + Betty White

Mary Hanson

Brentine Gysler

Jake Yumboy

Stacy G

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East Central's 75th Anniversary
75 Years of Athletic Competition
By Ovid Vickers

During the 2003-2004 college year, East Central Community College is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the college. Since 1928 when the college opened its doors to the first freshman class, athletic competition has played an important role in the development of the college and its continuing success.

As early as 1928 Coach Dick Baxter organized the college's first football team. This first team played seven games, and football has been played at East Central every year since with the exception of 1943 and 1944 when the country was at war. Today Coach Terry Underwood who began at East Central in 1998 continues to field outstanding teams and serves as Athletic Director.

Over the years East Central's athletic teams have won 36 state, regional, and national championships. These wins have occurred in all sports. The 1939 Warrior football team copped a state championship. The 1998 Diamond Warriors won their first baseball state championship. Five state championships can be credited to women's basketball, and the men's basketball teams have won two state championships and a fourth place at the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament.

In the beginning, the college fielded only football, basketball, and baseball teams. Today the college operates and supports a full athletic program which includes football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, golf, and a rodeo team.

Each year, East Central athletes are recruited by universities and colleges across the United States. A number of men and women from East Central have distinguished themselves by becoming outstanding university athletes. Former East Central athletes have also served as coaches at other community colleges as well as at four-year schools and at the professional level. Sue Gunter, women's basketball coach at Louisiana State University, Sam Rutigliano, former coach of the Cleveland Browns, and Van Chancellor, coach of the WNBA Houston Comets, are among this group. Gunter and Chancellor have both been chosen as coaches for US Olympic basketball teams.

Denver Brackeen was inducted into the NJCAA Players Hall of Fame in 1989, and Coach Lucille Wood will be inducted into the NJCAA Coaches Hall of Fame in March 2004 at the National Tournament in Salina, Kansas. Herman Robinson, Richard Harris, A.J. Kilpatrick, Tom Burt, and Clyde Muse have been selected to the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame.

As the 2003-2004 college year comes to a close, the coaches in all sports are optimistic about the teams they have recruited for the 2004-2005 season. Several outstanding freshman players will be returning next year, and the women's basketball team, as of February 16, 2004, was ranked No. 15 in the nation and had clinched the South Division Regular Season Championship.

One of the major reasons for the success of the athletic programs at East Central has been the support of alumni, and especially the booster clubs. No college athletic program can achieve success without the continuing support of its alumni. East Central considers itself fortunate to have a dedicated group of alumni who have, over the years, continued to support the college's athletic programs.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

Telephone 601-635-2111

July 2003

Dear Alumni:

East Central Community College is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Activities are being planned on campus to commemorate this milestone. A convocation will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2003, at 10:45 a.m. in Huff Auditorium to kick off the anniversary celebration. At homecoming on Saturday, October 4, 2003, we will continue our celebration, and we hope to see you back on campus to help us celebrate.

In EC's 75 years many changes have occurred with new facilities being constructed on campus, enrollment has doubled over the past decade, adult enrollment in night classes is booming, registration for online classes is increasing, and industrial training classes continue to grow. The word is out. East Central has achieved a quality reputation by keeping the student in mind. Which is fitting for our 75th Anniversary theme: "75 Years With You In Mind – Quality Education Lasts Forever."

Your Alumni Association has become a driving force in making a quality education available to deserving students. Since 2001 the Alumni Association has been able to fund several two-year full tuition scholarships through the East Central Scholars program from alumni dues collected. Also, this year the Association will fund seven one-year tuition scholarships through proceeds from the 1st Annual Warrior Golf Classic. But we can't stop there. The Association needs continuous funding to support efforts to provide scholarships to EC students.

One of the Alumni Association's newest projects is to fund the renovations of a room in the Mamie Ethel Burton Library. The project is part of the 75th Anniversary activities. The room will be called the EC Memorabilia Room and it will house artifacts of the College and donated items from various alumni. If you are interested in helping fund these renovations, please note on your check Memorabilia Room.

Alumni dues are needed now more than ever to continue the growth of the Association and to benefit the next generation of alumni. Annual dues are \$10 single and \$15 joint, or you may pay your lifetime membership dues, \$100 single lifetime or \$150 joint lifetime. So we invite you to renew your commitment to your community college by contributing to the Alumni Association.

Private support such as yours enables East Central to continue to attract top quality students to the College. If you are in a position to help us, please use the enclosed response envelope to make your contribution to the Alumni Association.

If you have questions, please call the Alumni Relations Office toll-free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 (within the state of Mississippi) or call 601-635-6327. We thank you in advance for your continued interest and support of East Central.

Sincerely,



Steve Quinn
President, ECCC Alumni Association

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ALMA MATER

Dear Alma Mater, we sing thy praise, In sweet remembrance of our college days,

Comrades and teachers, friends so true, We give our love to you—

Long may we cherish the days spent with thee, Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree—

Deep in our hearts rests your memories true Here's all our love to you.

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M E M O

TO: Dr. Lavinia Sparkman Brent Gregory
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 Michelle Smith Brenda Kirby
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 Tony Kinton

FROM: Lucille Wood

DATE: February 24, 2003

The committee to study plans for the 75th anniversary of East Central Community College will meet activity period on April 10, 2003 in the Arno Vincent Board Room. At that time I would like for you to give a brief report on activities you can do to help celebrate our 75th anniversary.

I would like for all those listed to attend if possible for this meeting.

Thanks.



Topics To Be Discussed At Meeting

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5. Devote an issue of the college magazine to a retrospective view of the college. – Mr. Vickers
6. Invite all former homecoming queens to be presented at the halftime of the homecoming football game. – Mr. Vickers
7. Involve the town of Decatur in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the college. Store windows could carry out this theme. Perhaps the town of Decatur would sponsor a downtown event. – Mr. Vickers
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10. One issue of the TOM-TOM could be devoted to articles from past issues. – Mr. Vickers
11. Publish a collection of short essays by selected alumni. Names which come to mind include Verbie Ann Lovorn Prevost, Dr. Clyde Williams, Hedy Williams, and Tom Chisholm. – Mr. Vickers
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(I have some history in an earlier program)

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Jackson Hall
Sullivan Center
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April 17, 2003

Mr. Vickers

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75 Years and Still Impacting Our Community

Education with Excellence – 75 Years

75 Years With You in Mind ✓

Everything Old is New Again

75 Years and Pressing On

Diamond Jubilee at ECCC ----- “Quality Education Lasts Forever”

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FROM: Dr. Lavinia Sparkman 

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As per this memo - Should one of these be picked, please donate the \$25 to the ECCC Wesley Foundation.

Thanks,


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"QUALITY EDUCATION LASTS FOREVER"

Isparkman

From: vblaylock [vblaylock@eccc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2003 10:56 AM
To: Isparkman@eccc.edu
Subject: motto

This is my suggestion for a slogan for the 75th anniversary -



"Everything Old is New Again".

Thanks,
vicki blaylock



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Isparkman

From: scraft [scraft@eccc.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2003 8:18 AM

To: Isparkman@eccc.edu

Subject: Motto or Slogan - East Central's 75th Anniversary Celebration

"75 years and pressing on!"

Tina Harris

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From: rprice [rprice@eccc.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2003 2:15 PM

To: Isparkman@eccc.edu

Subject: motto

new slogan: seventy years, a tradition of success!!!

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75th Anniversary Souvenir pin



Thank you Dr. Sparkman for that introduction. This is one of the highlights of my career to speak at the 75th anniversary of my alma mata. It is also an honor to share this stage with Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dr. Eddie Smith, Mr. Arno Vincent, the Rev. Chris Vowell and Mr. Prentiss Copeland. I look with pride at my fellow faculty members, staff, board members, alumni, students and friends of this institution. Also that special group who greets me each morning at 7 a.m. with an energetic "good morning Miss Wood".

This college grew from the old Newton County Agricultural high school in 1928. The first class consisted of 18 students. The legislature established the Junior College system in the state to give formal education opportunities for the masses in our state. Mississippi was the first state to establish a system of public junior colleges. East Central grew from two teachers, Mrs. Stella Newsome, who taught English and History and Robert Marshall who taught math and science, to what we are today.

In the beginning there was Newton county, Neshoba was added in 1929, Scott in 1930, Leake in 1931 and Winston in 1934. Seven presidents have served the leadership roles for this college. I have been associated with six of these men. Dr. Todd came in 1934 and was the president when I was a student in the early 50's, and I have worked for Mr. Vincent, Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Wright, Dr. Smith and Dr. Sutphin.

What would these five counties be without East Central? In its long history through the depression years many sacrifices were made by students and parents. In 1934, it cost \$13.61 per month, which includes room, board and tuition. To attend East Central for nine months in 1939 - 40 --it cost \$15.22 per month, and \$27.66 per month in 1949 - 50 when I became a student at the college. There were many students who could not meet that expense. Dr. Todd, the second president, made sure all who wanted an education could attend. Most of the work on campus was done by students from milking the cows at 4 a.m. or firing the boiler at an early hour. There were parents who canned foods, brought potatoes and syrup in exchange for tuition.

Most of the college landmarks are gone, only Founders Gym and Jackson Hall remain, and they have been altered. In the early years from Jackson Hall to old Neshoba, all buildings were connected with a covered walk way - no need for raincoats.

The Tucker Vocational-Technical building is now situated where the football field was located in years past. The baseball field is where present (Scott) hall is today. On the football field today was located a big barn, cosmetology was a chicken house, the physical education building is where the dairy barn was located.

What I want to speak about are the people and this college. As I have mentioned I knew all the presidents except Mr. Pugh the first president.

I think most would agree that Dr. L.O. Todd was the "light on the hill". He knew every student by name and their parents. He worked with the farmers and day laborers to send their children to East Central. It is said that he visited the local towns in our area on Saturday afternoon when these people came to town, Dr. Todd made his way shaking hands and letting people know that East Central was here for their sons and daughters. These people wanted a better life for their children and East Central met that challenge. Dr. Todd was a learned man and was called on to speak on educational matters throughout this country.

Mr. Vincent was the president who hired me. He was here when I was a student. I heard there was a need for a physical education teacher. I wrote him a letter and he wrote me back telling me when school would begin - no interview process - just bring your clothes and some personal items and your apartment will be furnished. He didn't tell me it would be furnished with a man. He forgot to tell the BSU director that I was coming - "no problem," Mr. Vincent just moved him over to the guest room in the president's home.

Mr. Vincent didn't tell me I would be living on the second floor in a boy's dormitory. Scott hall was located where the volleyball court is today. Miss. Harris and I had apartments on the second floor and Frank and Nellie Cross and Mrs. Newsome on first floor. Boys lived across the hall from me and we shared the steps - at times, they ran fast going and coming from the showers.

I want to talk about some teachers who laid the foundation for this college. Mrs. Sullivan was here when I was a student and retired the year before I returned as an instructor. Mrs. Sullivan was one of the giants in forming this College. Mrs. Sullivan had a ring of keys as big as my fist - the only teacher I ever knew who had her own classroom with a lock and one of those keys fit that lock. At every assembly she had a live arrangement on the stage - and we had assembly once a week. She was the champion to the students who came from small rural high schools. What I learned from Mrs. Sullivan has influenced me all my life. From Mrs. Sullivan we learned - respect, manners, and the appreciation of beauty.

Mrs. Newsome was a romantic with a sense of humor and wit - she taught literature and was interested in the arts. One day we were having a faculty meeting and someone was giving a long boring talk - Mrs. Newsome wrote on a piece of paper and handed it back for all to read - We wiggled in and we wiggled out - and after we had wiggled in and wiggled out we were still

in doubt as to whether we had wiggled in or wiggled out. Mrs. Newsome could teach lit - no notes and she kept us spellbound - but she did like to tell stories or tales - today our students evaluate the faculty and some of mine say - she tells too many stories - she gets off the subject, but I remember Mrs. Newsome telling stories and if she could I can too. Let me share a story Mrs. Newsome told about 53 years ago--

The teacher wrote the mother a note that Ida needed to practice some better hygiene - just a little freshen up each morning - the Mother wrote back--

Dear teacher, Learn her don't smell her she isn't no rose.

Another mother had written Mrs. Newsome a note telling her that she didn't want her daughter to know about her innards.

Frank Cross made his mark on the college - those who passed his chemistry classes went on to excel in their courses of study.

Frank Leatherwood - biology teacher - Mr. Leatherwood collected specimens of plant, animal and rock formations in this area. The biology lab was filled with these specimens.

Mr. Leatherwood's favorite quote was "you can't hit a star aiming at a stump."

Miss Ethel Burton - the librarian - Miss Burton went about her business of building a library - everything neatly arranged, quiet and conducive to

learning - Miss Burton learned to drive in her early 60's and one year came back in a little Ford car. Miss Burton lived to celebrate her 100th birthday. A group from East Central Attended her 100th birthday celebration. And at the age of 103 passed away. Ann and Roger Burkes and I attended her funeral.

Miss Una Harris was an English -literature instructor and founder and sponsor of the Tom-Tom. The Tom-Tom was published every two weeks. Articles were professionally written and on time. It was a news paper - for years; one of the greatest honors on campus was to be editor of the Tom-Tom. Dr. Joe Todd, M.D., spoke at homecoming a few years back and stated that the two best teachers in his whole educational career were here at East Central - Una Harris and Arno Vincent.

General Pat Wilson - former coach and dean of men. Captain Pat Wilson, at that time, led our National Guard unit into the Second World War. From what I have heard he was one of the most loved and respected people ever associated with this College.

Back to Mr. Vincent for just a moment - Mr. Vincent's philosophy of education was the teacher is more important than the equipment. He said "A good teacher can teach more sitting on the end of a log than a poor teacher with all the equipment in the world." That has changed a little today, Mr.

Vincent. With all the technology, the teacher is still the most important instrument in the classroom. Mr. Vincent believed if all students made A's, not much learning was taking place - and he placed the name of the classes where there were too many A's on the board during faculty meetings.

Other long time faculty and administrators who had a impact on this college were: Lynn Dale Fergurson, Registrar, R.C. Roberts, Academic Dean. They came just after the Second World War ended and helped set the college in motion for the post war era. Enrollment increased and of course courses of study, changed as well.

R.G. Fick, Ovid Vickers, Jessie Everett, Charles Pennington, Mrs. Jackson, Erma Lee Barber, Marion Thornton, Denver Brackeen, first Dean of Students in the junior colleges, Dr. Brad Tucker, longest term as Academic Dean - served under four presidents, Dr. Shelby Harris, Frank Rives, Tom Thrash, Ann Burkes, Rudolph Mayes, Joe Clark, O. L. Newell, John Adcock, Dr. Richard Ethridge and Raymond and Lois McMullan and others - all these people retired from here - some spent their entire teaching career at East Central; and I must add they did not work by the clock. Several of these, their only teaching experience was at East Central, all came young and stayed and contributed until their retirement.

Our college went through some non-productive years - our enrollment was down, there were empty rooms in the dormitories - there was talk of combining East Central with some other colleges. The president of the

board of trustees, Henry B. Hudspeth was instrumental in bringing Dr. Eddie Smith, an alumnus from Noxapater, to be our 6th president. And all areas of the college were improved - there was a new spirit - "And we all learned to work." He was a hands-on president and that is what we needed to become what we are today. Today, the tradition continues under Dr. Phil Sutphin.

After a while, traditions die - but for years we had --

May Day - the biggest event on campus - was held where the science building is now located. May Day activities ended in 1973.

Sophomores clipped the freshman boys heads when they entered the campus.

A big drum was in front of Winston Hall and the clippers were ready.

For most boys this was their first real association with East Central.

Then, on a cold frosty morning the freshman were greeted with "Freshman Day": the girls had big sisters who dressed them for the day. Some were tacky but most were cute with big ribbons in their hair, with freckles painted on their face and some teeth blackened. Most had an onion around their neck - they had to sit on the floor to eat without forks, knives or spoons. For most freshmen and sophomores, it was a fun day and the

teachers postponed test, - when school was out they paraded down town - then back to the dorms for showers, a good night's meal, then a dance. My freshman yearbook shows Denver Brackeen and Blanch Wiggins leading the parade. Denver has his pants on backwards.

We had a Sadie Hawkins dance - all the students meet on the front campus - the girls chased the boys and if caught that was your date for the dance.

The freshman boys had to beat the big drum all night before the Scooba football game - one year our boys were not good scouts and Scooba stole our drum - but in return they were not good scouts because we painted ECJC on their water tank.

We had religious emphasis week - usually one year sponsored by the BSU and the Baptist church; the next year Wesley and the Methodist church was the sponsor.

Through the years, there have been many dress and hair styles -

Skirts and sweaters with saddle oxfords and Bobbiesocks.

Little ballerina shoes

Elvis hair styles

Veronica Lake - long hair with one eye covered

Bee hive hair

Crew cuts

Flat Tops

Penny loafers

Bell bottoms

The hippy years - long hair - army surplus

clothes and no bras

Minnie skirts

Long side burns

Can-can petticoats - couldn't sit in a desk

Hot pants

Granny skirts

Rain coats had to be worn over shorts to attend physical education
class and even go to the
Tennis courts.

Today - all our students do not follow the same styles - most are well
groomed - the boy's hair is styled and cut - for boys and girls blue jeans are
the style for class - many of the others I can't describe in the English
language what they have on for class dress.

Today we point with pride to the accomplishments of our students -

Generals in the Army, (two played on the 1939 State Championship football team, one on the 1953 State championship Basketball team), Captains and Admirals in the Navy and other high ranking officers in the military, Doctors of medicine, with specialist in a number of areas. Those with Doctors in Pharmacy - Chemistry - Dentistry - Education ,- those in agriculture and the list goes on --

Lawyers

Presidents of colleges

Deans of colleges

Division chairs of colleges

Engineers

Bank presidents

Authors of books

Teachers

Mayors

Elected state officials

1 U.S. Representative - Arthur Winstead from Philadelphia

2 Olympic coaches

MS sports hall of fame members -

All-Americans

MS association of coach's hall of fame

National sports hall of fame

4 who's name is in the National Junior College Athletic Association Record Book

Participated in a National Junior College Association All-Star Games

Senior College and professional coaches

Senior College Athletic Hall of Fame

Professional athletes

East Central has left her mark with the elite in our state and nation.

But what about the masses of our students? I was in Louisville one Saturday morning and a young man came in the place of business where I was . He had on muddy boots and he made the typical statement - Hey Miss Wood do you remember me? I did remember him - a formal education was not his choice at the time - He said excuse my dress because I volunteer to help my community water department on Saturdays and we have a busted pipe, I have come for replacement parts - he is employed by Taylor Machine Works.

Talk about making a contribution - there are thousands of men and women like him - good citizens, live in well kept homes, go to work each day, vote, work for better schools, civic minded, send their children to East Central and take pride in the fact that they attended East Central.

When I read about a former student, even in death - was it mentioned he/she attended East Central? This always catches my eye and my impression of them.

Our college today is training those to go into the vocational-technical fields and this is the charge that has been given to the community colleges.

There is a coming together of all areas of the college. One job is no more important than the other. We work for the purpose of the college - "With you in mind." I see this happening more and more each year.

Dear Alma Mater I Sing Your Praise -

You have fed me, clothed me and housed me most of my adult life - provided me with work opportunities that I have enjoyed, and friends and associates over a half century.

You provided educational opportunities for every member of my family - 5 of us, and many other families - to name a few - the 5 Herington brothers from Louisville and they all played football. The 5 Baucum brothers from Newton and they all were associated with athletics - 5 Graham boys from Decatur and their first names all started with a J. The 5 Shoemaker boys from Decatur and their first names all started with a D. To my knowledge

the Hardy family from Neshoba County holds the record for the most from a single family to attend, 8.

Alma Mater you opened the door to good music for me - Mrs. Madden directed the choir - I had never heard choral music like that. I attended a small rural church and a choir was put together for revivals but nothing like East Central's Choir.

At an assembly Margoria Woodruff and Betty Ruth Taylor from Louisville were the program and they had just graduated from the Julliard School of Music. Margoria sang songs in a foreign language and her voice penetrated every part of that old auditorium. For months, you would hear students singing parts of her songs. Dear Alma Mater may this college continue the fine tradition of the spring musicals, and other endeavors - enlarge and expand. We feed our souls with music, we are the music we listen to. At one time the old Greeks turned all their attention to body building - and they didn't like the results. They said we do not want a nation of body builders - how do we temper their souls - the answer was choral music - and we see this today that a greater emphasis on choral music in many of our elementary and secondary schools - may East Central continue to sing and expose our students to good music and let a large part be choral music.

Where Newsom Hall is today - at one time was a dirt tennis court - I knew nothing about tennis. Never seen a tennis racket, but I ordered one from the

Sears Roebuck catalogue. Mr. Leatherwood taught us some tennis skills and we played in some matches. I wish I knew how many students I have taught how to play tennis - most of my tennis teams were made up of those who had never played.

My Alma Mater also let me play basketball on a team - no scholarship - I played because I wanted to.

Our athletic teams through the years have known both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. Our students have been All-State, All-Region and All-Americans, Academic All-Americans. Our teams have been state champions in football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, All-Region 7 in basketball, All-Region 23 in girls basketball, and golf, individual state champion in track, golf and tennis, and played in 4 bowl games in football.

When I was a student here, Keith Slothower was the drama director and they performed the "Barretts of Whimpole Street", "Antigone", "Harvey" and "A Midsummer Nights Dream." This was my first experience and exposure to some of the finer things in life. Through the years our students have had these opportunities through very capable drama teachers. May this continue.

When I was a student, many of my fellow classmates were called to serve in the Korean Conflict. Four of the starters on our men's basketball team were called up in the middle of the season.

General Pat Wilson led our National Guard unit into the Second World War and they served in the European theater of operations. Several of our Alumni Memorial awards are in memory of those killed in the Second World War.

The Viet Nam Conflict brought heartache to our campus because of the two young EC men killed in that war.

Our students and former students participated in Operation Desert Storm and the present war.

This college will continue to grow - physically there are immediate needs in several areas. Mr. Vincent that log needs to be longer in the science department - the Wall O' Sound has outgrown itself - there are other pressing needs - our library must be enlarged and should be the main focal point for all students regardless of where the classes are taught. The beautification projects should continue - in years to come, the 100th anniversary this campus will be filled with trees.

To our administration - we are known as a college with high academic standards - may this continue in the future - employ excellent teachers - who teach - Jessie Stuart said "teachers teach, students study- if students are not studying no teaching is taking place." Teachers who take pride in their

profession - who see the student as a total person - that learning is not necessarily fun- it should be a pleasant experience and sometimes it is tough - challenge - challenge the student - To the administration make sure these dedicated teachers receive the praise and support necessary to accomplish the most important task on campus - classroom teaching

In years to come, I sense a special pride in every aspect of the college. Every class, extra curricular activity - no part of the college left behind - making sure every student can participate - every student in an activity and an activity for every student.

I want that pride I feel when seated in Warrior Stadium and in the distance to the south I hear the sound of drums and the sound comes closer and closer and through the gates come "The Wall of Sound" OUR band - as they pass in front of the crowd walking tall and well disciplined, one can see by the expressions on their faces they are proud to be part of that organization. I want that for all classes and groups on the campus.

**HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR AND MAY GOD CONTINUE
TO BLESS THIS COLLEGE.**



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Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you.

Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

On the Cover:

Photos representing each quarter-century in the history of East Central Community College are displayed in observance of the College's 75th anniversary. In the top photo, the "ECCC family" held a picnic prior to the start of the 2003 fall term to begin the celebration. The College officially observed its diamond anniversary during a convocation held August 28 in Huff Auditorium. Class favorites from 1978 are shown in the second photo. Seated from left are Cindy Pennington, Mickey Vance and Janice Brock. Standing from left are Todd Gregory, Carla Massey and Mike Land. East Central observed its 25th anniversary during Homecoming activities in 1953 and held a parade to commemorate the event as shown in the third photo. From left are Janell Johnson, attendant; Carol Graves, queen; and Nancy Butts, attendant. Members of the College's first freshman class (1928-29) are pictured in the lower photo. Seated from left are J. P. Moore, Jimmie Spivey, Spurgeon Lewis, Albert Vance, Aubrey Vaughn, Edgar Lee Busby, W. Lloyd Majure, Ted Smith and Morris Wall. Standing from left are Robert Marshall (instructor), Madeline Wroten Lyles, Elizabeth Ward, Lorene Rivers Farr Smith, Stella Newsome (instructor), Lucille McMullan, Frances Harris Smith, Lois Cook Goodwin, Eunice May Smith, Vera Adams Goodwin and J. D. Harris. Class members not pictured are Louie Gordon, Ola May, Selby May, Thomas Mose Nance and Oleta Stamper Cooper. (Note: Frances Harris Smith is being honored as the College's Alumna of the Year for 2003.)

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President's Message

The early American educator Mark Hopkins said, "Give me a log with a student on one end and a teacher on the other, and I will show you a university."

When East Central Community College welcomed its first freshman class in the fall of 1928, its opening was almost as austere as the university described by Mark Hopkins.

The college opened with two faculty members, Mrs. Stella Newsome and Mr. Robert Marshall. Students attended classes in two basement rooms in old Neshoba Hall, and the beginning class was composed of 20 students.

The original trustees of the college were W. C. Mabry, Jim Rivers, M. S. Scarborough, R. A. Armstrong, L. Q. C. Williams, and Dr. B. F. Hunter, who were all from Newton County. When these men first met, they probably did not realize the importance of their position or that in 2003, the college would be celebrating its first 75 years with an enrollment of more than 2,500 and a faculty and staff numbering more than 200.

East Central was originally supported only by Newton County, however, Neshoba County began its support during the first year of operation, followed by Scott County in 1930, Leake County in 1931 and Winston County in 1935. These five counties continue to form the East Central Community College District.

On August 28, 2003, the college celebrated 75 years of service to the supporting counties and the state with a convocation in Huff Auditorium. Miss Lucille Wood, who is an East Central graduate and has been a member of the faculty for 47 years, gave the keynote address. The State Community and Junior College Board was represented by General Denver Brackeen, a member of that Board. The invocation was given by Reverend Chris Vowell, and the East Central Community College Board of Trustees was represented by Board Chairman Prentice Copeland.

Two former presidents, Dr. Eddie M. Smith and Mr. Arno Vincent, joined me in making comments on

our years as president of East Central.

The 75th anniversary celebration will continue at Homecoming on October 4, 2003. The theme for this year is "75 Years With You in Mind - Quality Education Lasts Forever." The Homecoming Honorees are: Mrs. Frances Harris Smith (Class of 1930) of Decatur, Alumna of the Year and Dr. Milton Matthews (Class of 1958) of Jackson, Alumnus of the Year.

Athletic Hall of Fame inductees are: the late Roy Baker (Class of 1956); Imogene Johnson Borganeli (Class of 1947), Greenville; Rex Keeton (Class of 1964) of Taylorsville; and Mark Killens (Class of 1978) of Newton.

Dana Dear of Hickory, Associate Degree Nursing instructor, will be honored as Academic Instructor of the Year; and Katherine Buckman of Bay Springs, Licensed Practical Nursing instructor, will receive the award as Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year.

Also being honored at this year's Homecoming are the ECJC Women's Club Basketball and volleyball teams from 1956 to 1975 as their coach Lucille Wood will present athletic letters to her former players.

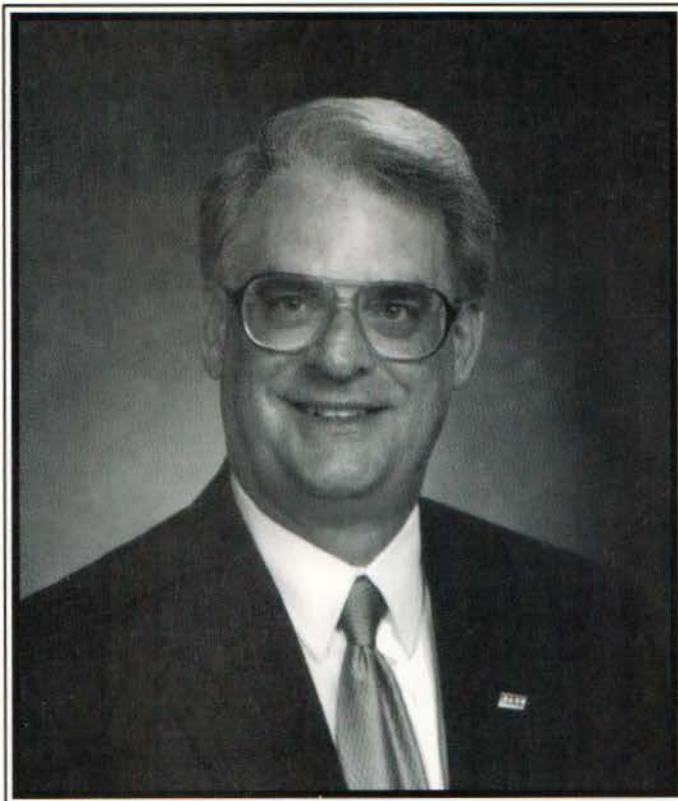
Reunion meetings are also planned for the class of 1937 and a combined reunion for the classes of 1957-58-59. Members of all classes ending "3" and the Alumni Band and Centralettes will also be recognized.

Visitors to the campus will see a number of campus improvements.

Site work has been completed for Phase II of the Eddie M. Smith Student Union Building. The office of Admissions, Records and Research, the bookstore and a food court will be housed in this new facility which is scheduled for completion by the fall 2005 term.

Construction has been completed on a new parking lot between the Student Union and Winston Hall. Approximately 40 spaces are available, helping to alleviate some of the parking problems brought on by increasing enrollment.

Renovations to the Frank T. Rives



Dr. Phil A. Sutphin

Educational Building were completed this summer to house the Licensed Practical Nursing Program. All the college's medical-related programs in the vocational-technical area (Surgical Technology, Gerontology Technology and the LPN program) are now located in the same facility, making for improved communication and coordination between the programs.

A new project is currently underway, spearheaded by the Alumni Association, to renovate a room in the Burton Library to house East Central historical memorabilia and named appropriately the "EC Memorabilia Room." This project is a part of the 75th anniversary activities, and donations are invited to assist with this project. Anyone wishing to assist with funds or to donate historical items to the college may contact the Foundation Office at 1-877-462-3222.

Renovations are also planned for the East Mall area, thanks to a grant awarded to the College by the Mississippi Forestry Association. Plans, to be implemented beginning later this year, are to landscape the area with various greenery, picnic tables and other appropriate items. An irrigation system will be installed

to help maintain the area, and concrete pavers will replace most of the asphalt drive.

The second annual Warrior Golf Classic was held in June at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw, MS. Although inclement weather caused the event to be canceled after most golfers had completed a few holes, the tournament was deemed a success as approximately \$5,000 was raised to be available to fund scholarships for district students to attend East Central. The first recipients of scholarships provided by the tournament were recognized at the annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon in May 2003.

The *Warrior Magazine* is now being mailed to more than 10,000 alumni and friends of the college. Let me remind you to keep in touch with your alma mater through the Alumni Office or the Office of Public Information.

We look forward to welcoming you to Homecoming on October 4 as we begin the college's next 75 years of service. In the meantime, if we can be of any assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

We continue to attempt to live up to our motto "With You in Mind."



ECCC To Honor Various Groups During Homecoming Activities October 4

Recipients of annual Alumni Association awards and members of women's "club teams" during a 20-year period are among special groups being honored during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 4 at East Central Community College.

The theme of this year's celebration, "75 Years With You In Mind — Quality Education Lasts Forever," commemorates the 75th anniversary of the College's founding in 1928.

Honorees for the 2003 observance include Frances Harris Smith (Class of 1930) of Decatur, Alumna of the Year; Dr. Milton Matthews (Class of 1958) of Pearl, Alumnus of the Year; Dana Dear of Hickory, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Katherine Buckman of Bay Springs, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year. Also being recognized are four new members of the College's Athletic Hall of Fame — the late Roy Baker (Class of 1956) of Jackson, Imogene Johnson Borganeli (Class of 1947) of Greenville, Rex Keeton (Class of 1964) of Taylorsville and Mark Killens (Class of 1978) of Newton.

More than 60 members of women's club teams from 1956 to 1975 plan to attend reunion activities and receive their varsity letters, according to event organizer and former coach Lucille Wood.

Wood said the event is something she has anticipated doing for a long time.

"The ladies who played on the ECJC basketball, tennis and volleyball

teams from 1956 to the spring of 1975 truly paved the way for women's sports as they are known today.

"They wore with pride homemade uniforms with felt cut-out numbers sewn on. They paid for their own shoes and meals, and did not receive scholarships. They were true amateur athletes, and if it were not for these women, there would be no Title IX and none of the opportunities that are available for women athletes today. They deserve to have EC letters just like the varsity athletes of today."

Wood noted that many club team members were campus leaders and involved in various activities.

"All were good students with civic pride who wanted to play ball," Wood stated.

Other reunion groups scheduled to meet include the Class of 1937, Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959, the Alumni Band and Centralettes, and members of all classes ending in "3."

For more information regarding Homecoming 2003, contact the Foundation and Alumni Relations Office, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"75 Years With You In Mind —
Quality Education Lasts Forever"

Homecoming Schedule of Events October 4, 2003

9:00 a.m.

- Registration Begins & Reunion Groups Meet — East Mall Near Cafeteria
 - All Classes Ending in "3"
 - Class of 1937
 - Alumni Band and Centralettes
 - Classes of 1957, 1958, & 1959
 - ECJC Women's Club Teams 1956 to 1975 — Room 60, Newton Hall

9:30 a.m.

- Presentation of Varsity Letters to Women's Club Teams — Room 60, Newton Hall

10:00 a.m.

- Welcome by Dr. Phil Sutphin — Mall Area
- Awarding of Diplomas to Class of 1953 — Mall Area
- Soccer Game — Soccer Field (North Campus) — ECCC vs. East Mississippi Community College

10:15 a.m.

- Honorees' Meeting — Board Room, Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building
- Warrior Club Annual Meeting — Huff Auditorium

11:00 a.m.

- Luncheon Seating for Honorees — Mabry Memorial Cafeteria

11:30 a.m.

- Alumni Luncheon — Mabry Memorial Cafeteria

2:30 p.m.

- Football Game — Warrior Stadium — ECCC vs. Copiah-Lincoln Community College
- Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court and Performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band

Thursday, Oct. 2 - 6:30 p.m.

- Photography Exhibit by alumnus Ann Hunter Burkes, Class of 1963, Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium

Friday, Oct. 2 - 4:00 p.m.

- Alumni Soccer Match - ECCC Soccer Field



Alumnus of the Year

Dr. Milton Matthews (Class of 1958)

"To this day, anytime I write a business letter, a work directive, or an article for dissemination, I wonder if I'd get a nod of approval from Miss Harris, my freshman English teacher and an East Central legend in her own right," said Dr. Milton "Bud" Matthews of Pearl, East Central Community College's 2003 Alumnus of the Year.

"The East Central influence on my work in education includes the tutelage of others in the East Central legacy of outstanding instructors, among them Stella Newsome who showed us the beauty of English language literature, Frank Cross who expected exact measure and truth in data, and Ovid Vickers who demonstrated learning need not be boring and that life is downright enjoyable when friends are included in the mix."

Dr. Matthews currently serves as a consultant with JBHM Education Group, LLC, a subsidiary of OBHM Architects, PA, which specializes in designing new school buildings and renovating existing schools. He explained how this group got started.

"One of the partners, Gary Bailey, became interested in working to improve schools that are failing to meet state standards of academic achievement," Dr. Matthews said. "He formed the Education Group and hired Dr. Mike Walters, retired superintendent of the Tupelo School District, to oversee and guide the improvement efforts and employ consultants to work with school clients."

"Having worked in the Mississippi Department of Education with responsibility for implementing various federally funded education programs, Dr.

Walters and Mr. Bailey assigned me to direct the group's Federal Program Initiative. In this role, I work with schools as they seek to improve educational opportunities and also assist school officials as they implement components of 'No Child Left Behind,' a major federally funded education program."

Regarding his work with federal education programs, Mary Jean Letendre, retired director of the Office of Compensatory Education, U.S. Department of Education, said, "Milton always makes wise educational decisions and is in the forefront leading the way for children, often ahead of the legislation. I see him as a great educational leader, well respected among his peers at local, state and national levels."

In addition to his work with the JBHM Education Group, Matthews works as an independent education consultant. In that role he works with school districts as they develop and implement either entitlement or competitive grant education programs. He serves as an external evaluator to ensure the quality of implementation goal attainment, and adherence to guidelines and regulations governing the programs.

Among school districts he works with are two in the East Central five-county area, Neshoba County School District and Louisville School District. The Neshoba County School District successfully competed for an Even Start program and is in the fourth year of its implementation. That program serves young adults who have not yet attained a high school diploma and

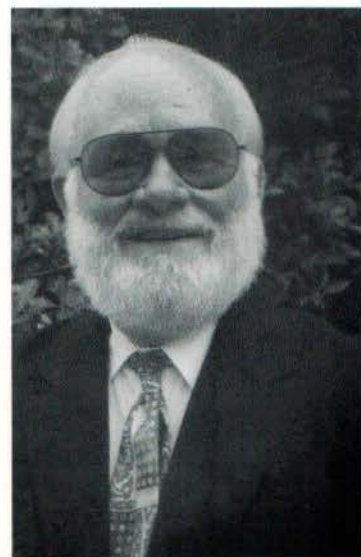
their children, ages birth to 8 years.

As the major partner in the effort, East Central provides basic adult education classes for parents as they study to receive the General Education Diploma (GED) while the Even Start Parents as Teachers Center provides learning opportunities in early childhood education and child care. Fair Elementary School in Louisville has just completed a two-year program, "Reading Enjoyment Equals Academic Progress (REAP)" funded through the Mississippi Reading Excellence Program and Title II, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

As the external evaluator of that program, Matthews worked with the district to build upon its foundation and implement a new recently awarded competitive grant for after-school services for students as part of the federally funded Reading First program directed by the Mississippi Department of Education.

Dr. Matthews previously served as Director, Office of Compensatory Education for the Mississippi Department of Education in Jackson. His responsibilities included supervision and administration of all components of a federally funded program, Title I of The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended. Components of the program included Title I Basic Programs, Even Start, Migrant Education, State Neglected or Delinquent Programs, Program Improvement Funds, Capital Funds, and State Administrative Funds.

During his tenure, fiscal allocations to school districts were never chal-



Dr. Milton Matthews

lenged. Of that Dr. Matthews said, "The grants were distributed by formula and Mr. Cross' adherence to exact standards served me well."

He has also held the titles of Director, Division of Compensatory Education Bureau of Instructional Services; Director, Division of Instructional Alternatives, Bureau of Special Services; and Area Supervisor, Title I, ESEA/Chapter 1, ECIA Title I/Chapter I Administrative Unit. He retired from the State Department of Education in 1996.

Dr. Matthews also served as a Title I, ESEA Coordinator for the Yazoo City Public School and was a teacher/counselor at Hardy Junior High School in Jackson. He began his career in education in 1960 as a classroom teacher at House Junior High School in Neshoba County.

In addition, Dr. Matthews is a past president, former parliamentarian and regional representative of the National Association of State Coordinators Compensatory Education (NASCEE). He also received a service award from NASCEE, as well as two service awards from the Office of Compensatory

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Education of the United States Department of Education.

He is a past member of the National Task Force for development of "Cooperative Adult Resolution and Oversight Initiative," Office of the Inspector General, United States Department of Education. As a result of work on that initiative, he was the recipient of a National Performance Review Award presented by Vice President Al Gore for his contributions to building a government that works better and costs less.

Dr. Matthews is a past chairman of Audit Strand, National Title I Conference and is a past member of the National Committee on Revision of Educational Assessment and Evaluation, Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

He has also been a presenter for various national, regional and state education conferences.

He has served as a volunteer for many organizations including the Radio Reading Service of Mississippi Public Radio, all seven International Ballet Competitions and the three major exhibitions of the Mississippi Commission for International Cultural Exchange. He served as assistant director of volunteers during Mississippi's "Majesty of Spain" exhibition.

Honors Dr. Matthews has received include his selection as Phi Theta Kappa's Regional Alumnus of the Year, Theta Xi's Distinguished Service Award in 1997 and the Dr. Shelby Harris Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Award in 2000.

A student at East Central from 1956 to 1958, Dr. Matthews was involved in various campus organizations including The Tom Tom staff and the ECJC Players. He served as president of Sigma Tau Sigma honorary science

club, vice president of the International Relations Club and was a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college.

He recalled many memories of his two years at the College, especially of living in "old" Neshoba Hall dormitory.

"Neshoba Hall was still alive and well then," said Matthews. "I remember the many friends I met that lived beyond my hometown of Union. There were the inevitable late night talk sessions where we solved the world's problems. I also remember the times we would make popcorn and would put a towel under the door so the smell wouldn't go down the hall."

It should be noted that having electrical appliances such as popcorn poppers were not allowed in the dormitories in 1956. Also, Dr. Matthews said, "one popping would feed two people much easier than it would feed the whole floor of the dormitory."

Dr. Matthews' roommate at East Central was the late Dr. Shelby Harris. The two were lifelong friends and both attended school at Union. He recalled how they would eat leftover donuts from the EC cafeteria.

Dr. Matthews said, "The cafeteria served homemade donuts for dessert after every meal. Back then we didn't put our trays away like students do today. We just left them on the table. So if you were the last ones to eat you could always go around and find leftover donuts. Shelby and I found that by scooping them up on our knives, we could carry more of them."

"Shelby was also my mathematics tutor. Mr. Vickers would always give us a bad time and said I could have never performed 'trigonometric functions' without Shelby's tutoring."

As he reminisced about former teachers, Dr. Matthews said, "We

always tried to be first in line at the registrar's office to avoid Miss Una Harris' class. But her bark was really worse than her bite. She was a terrific teacher and we went away with lifelong learning skills.

"I remember her constant battle with the Southern usage of the word 'fix.' She would say 'you are not fixing supper because it is not broken'."

Dr. Matthews said he remembered Mrs. Stella Newsome being the embodiment of literature, but he said she didn't worry too much about the roll book.

"She would just look around the room and sometimes she would call roll, but not always," he said. "One day I was late for her class. After the class period was over, I went up to her and told her she would have to turn me in tardy. And she quickly replied, 'I really don't think your being late is any of Dean Ferguson's (Director of Admissions) business.'"

In nominating Dr. Matthews as Alumnus of the Year, alumna Ann Hunter Burkes (Class of 1963), a retired ECCC librarian and former Phi Theta Kappa advisor, wrote, "In addition to his various civic activities, Bud Matthews always had time to help with any project that would benefit East Central Community College. The times he assisted with activities sponsored by Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa are too numerous to list."

Retired English teacher and member of the EC Class of 1958, Carol Farish Vickers wrote, "Dr. Matthews is an individual who takes pride in the fact that he graduated from East Central and has through the years continued his interest in the institution. He is quick to give the college credit for providing him the foundation necessary for the success he has experienced."

When asked how he felt about receiving this honor, Dr. Matthews said,

"When Dr. (Phil) Sutphin called to tell me that I was selected as the 2003 Alumnus of the Year, I was quite humbled and yet, most appreciative that someone thought such a distinguished honor should come to me. I am fully cognizant of what this award represents, not just to me, but to the thousands and thousands of us who have attended East Central during its 75 years of service to students in its five-county area and in far regions beyond.

"The East Central years gave all of us educational opportunities and strong foundations to pursue work in our chosen fields. This award, which I share with my fellow alumni, is, in fact, a thank-you to the 75 distinguished East Central staff and faculties, its capable administrations, its 75 guiding Boards of Trustees, and the 75 student bodies who benefited from instruction on multiple campuses.

"We, together, are bound by the common experience of East Central and, singly, were unbound by instructors who taught us of the possibilities that could be attained with perseverance.

"While this award comes through the efforts of dear friends who stood with me through the years, I know that I am only one of a host of us who are grateful alumni of a college of excellence."

He concluded by saying, "Whatever we have learned, no matter the school or the experience that taught us, our very first teachers were our parents. Hugh and Pauline Matthews taught me more than 'yes ma'am, no sir, thank you ma'am and please.' They taught me a love of learning, a sense of responsibility, and a respect for all of God's children. I continue to be appreciative of their enduring influence."



Alumna of the Year

Frances Harris Smith (Class of 1930)

When East Central Community College first opened its doors in 1928, Frances Harris Smith of Decatur was among the 20 class members eager to begin their college experience.

Smith received her degree two years later, and since that time the only surviving member of the Class of 1930 has provided continuous support for her alma mater. Her faith in ECCC and her interest in the education of young people are evidenced by her recent establishment of the Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith Scholarship, which also honors her late husband.

In recognition of her support of East Central Community College and in tribute to the sole survivor of the first graduating class, Smith is being recognized as the College's Alumna of the Year for 2003.

When notified about receiving the honor, Smith said, "It was a big surprise. I had no idea that I was even nominated for Alumna of the Year! But I am very thankful to the College for selecting me. East Central has always meant a lot to me and my family. This is such a wonderful honor."

Smith, who enrolled at East Central after graduating from Newton County Agricultural High School in 1927, said she lived at home with her nine brothers and sisters and commuted to her college classes, even though dormitories were available for students. She rode to school each day in a school bus, which had been built by her uncle to transport students from her community. She lived about three and a half miles from Decatur.

Mrs. Smith remembers that the first college classes met in the dining hall

in the basement of Jackson Hall and in two rooms in the basement of the now demolished Neshoba Hall. Initially, the College employed only two teachers: Mrs. Stella Newsome who taught English and history, and Mr. Robert Marshall who taught mathematics and the sciences.

When asked about these two teachers, Mrs. Smith said, "I remember Mrs. Newsome well. She was a kind and very helpful teacher who expected all her students to be ladies and gentlemen. She was greatly loved and wanted everyone to succeed in their studies.

"Mr. Marshall was a good teacher, although quite young," Mrs. Smith observed.

"He had just graduated from college, and this was his first teaching job. He was rather quiet and did not talk about himself or his family. He left East Central after three or four years and no one seems to know where he went."

According to Mrs. Smith, very strict rules were enforced by Mr. Roscoe Pugh, who served both as principal of the high school and the first president of the College.

"I remember," she said, "that girls were not allowed to talk with boys in casual conversation on the campus. In the dining room, girls were seated in one section and boys in another. Girls were not allowed to date unless they went home on weekends, and if a girl went up town in Decatur she had to be chaperoned by a member of the high school or college faculty. Boys were allowed to visit in the lobby of the girls' dormitory, but the dormitory

supervisor always sat where she could keep an eye on everyone. No students were permitted to smoke at any time."

"In the early days of the College," Mrs. Smith commented, "activities outside the classroom were rather limited. The high school had been operating since 1914 and people were accustomed to attending the football and basketball games played by the high school. But as time went on, the college organized athletic teams, and extra curricular activities like the band, the choir and dramatic productions came about."

During East Central's early years of operation, the nation was in the grips of the worst economic depression this country has ever known. For that reason, many of the students attending the college worked on the campus. "Students did anything they could to make money," Mrs. Smith said. "They worked on the college farm milking cows and looking after the cows and hogs. Students also cleaned the classrooms and the campus. We worked and studied, and there was little time to play pranks, misbehave or get into trouble."

When Mrs. Smith graduated in 1930, there was some question concerning the transfer and acceptance of first-year junior college credits by the state's senior institutions. For this reason, Mrs. Smith remained at East Central for a third year to be sure that all her course credits would transfer. She graduated with 108 quarter hours and an excellent grade point average.

After graduation she accepted a job teaching fifth grade at Bond School in



Francis Harris Smith

Neshoba County. She had wanted to teach home economics which was her special interest at East Central, so after teaching for one year she accepted a job as a secretary for Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

When asked where she met her husband Jay B. Smith, Frances Smith answered, "Well, to tell you the truth we knew each other for most of our lives. We went to school together for many years. Once we were married we lived in a number of states in the South because of my husband's work."

Jay B. Smith, who passed away in 2002, was also a graduate of East Central Junior College and Mississippi State College. His degree from State was in entomology, and he was employed with the United States Department of Agriculture.

He and Mrs. Smith lived in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas and Florida before returning to Newton County to operate a dairy farm. After returning to Newton County, he was also employed by the Soil Conservation Service and the Mississippi Department of Welfare.

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During World War II, Mr. Smith served as a member of the Medical Corps in four campaigns including North Africa and the Battle of the Bulge.

The Smiths were married for 63 years.

When asked if she ever thought East Central would grow from a beginning class of 20 students to the more than two thousand who now

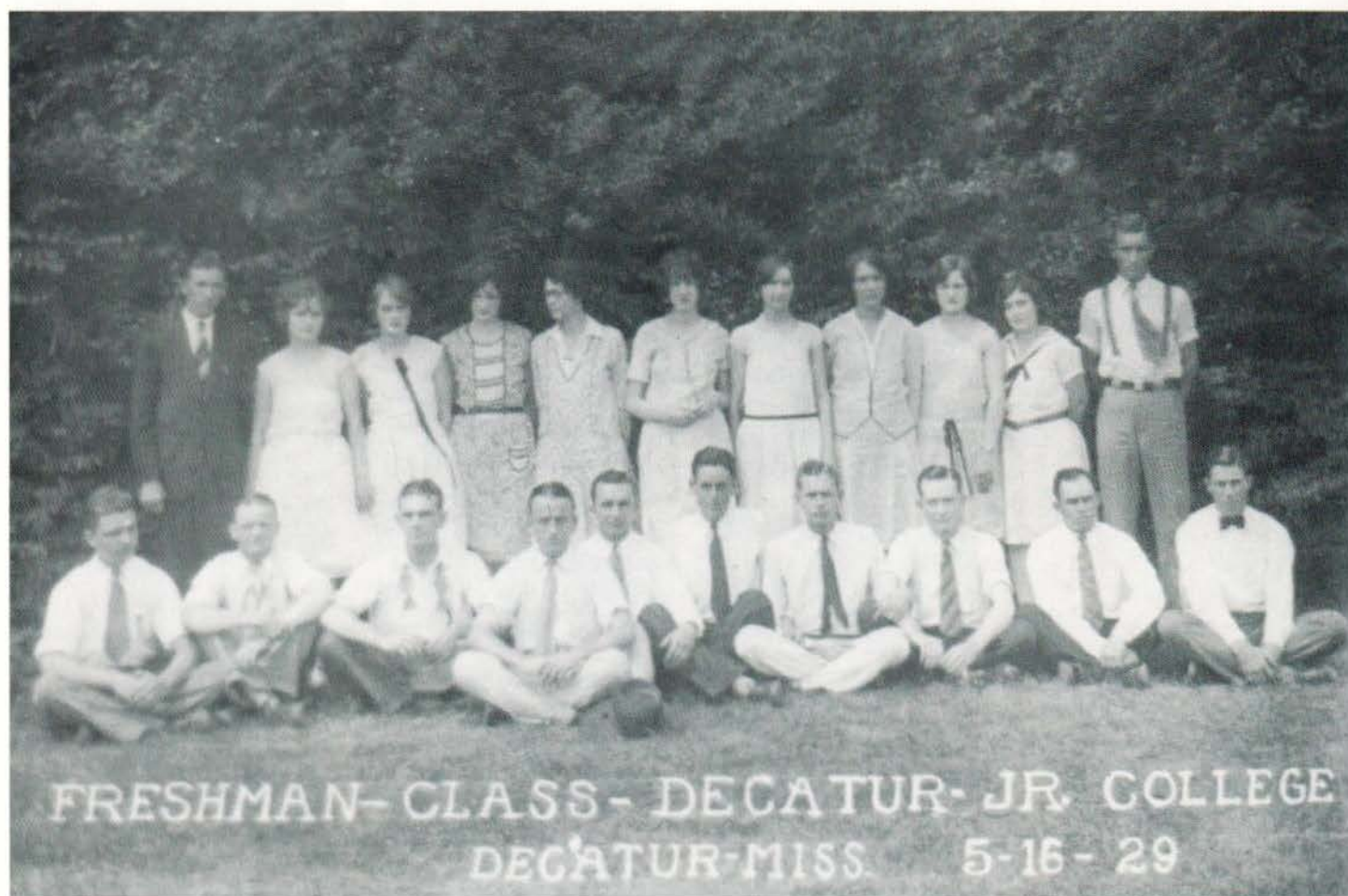
attend, Mrs. Smith replied with a definite "yes."

"I knew," she said, "that when the other counties which now support East Central realized the opportunities for their young people offered by the College they would join Newton County in support of the College. I also observed that each year the curriculum was expanded, the enrollment grew, and students began to see the advantages of attending college close to home."

On July 8, 2003, two representatives from East Central visited with Mrs. Frances Harris Smith at the Okahatta Retirement Home on Chapel Hill Road east of Decatur. A video of the visit was made to be placed in the College archives. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harris, Mrs. Smith's nephew and his wife who happened to be visiting at the same time.

The four visitors enjoyed a very pleasant time listening to stories told by this remarkable lady who has seen

East Central Junior (now Community) College grow from a college with two teachers, 20 students and no permanent classrooms to the comprehensive community college it is today.

**Mrs. Smith, Classmates in 1929!**

Frances Harris Smith (standing, seventh from left), East Central Community College's Alumna of the Year, and other members of the College's first class are pictured in this 1929 photo. Seated from left are J. P. Moore (hometown not available); Jimmy Spivey (hometown not available); Spurgeon Lewis, Union; Albert Vance and Aubrey Vaughn, both of Newton County; Edgar Lee Busby, Philadelphia; W. Lloyd Majure (hometown not available); and Ted Smith and Morris Wall, both of Decatur. Standing from left are Robert Marshall (instructor); Madeline Wroten Lyles, Newton County; Elizabeth Ward, Collinsville; Lorene Rivers Farr Smith, Union; Stella Newsome (instructor); Lucille McMullan, Mrs. Smith, Lois Cook Goodwin, Eunice May Smith and Vera Adams Goodwin, all of Newton County; and J. D. Harris, Lake. Members of the 1928-29 class not pictured include Louie Gordon, Ola May, Selby May and Oleta Stamper Cooper (hometowns not available), and Thomas Mose Nance, Philadelphia.



Athletic Hall of Fame

Roy Baker (Class of 1956)

Roy Baker was so determined to continue his track career at East Central Junior College that he hitchhiked to Jackson to compete in the State Junior College Track Meet.

Baker, who attended East Central from 1954 to 1956, was basically on his own with his track endeavors, as the College did not field a track team. But not having a coach or teammates was no obstacle for Baker, as the Louisville native won honors at the state contest his freshman and sophomore years. He tied for first place in the pole vault competition as a freshman, and finished runner-up in both the pole vault and broad jump the following season.

In recognition of his determination and success as a track star, Baker is being inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame for 2003. Baker, who died at age 37 in 1972, is receiving the honor posthumously and will be represented by family members at the Alumni Association Awards luncheon.

Baker's success at the state track meet was a surprise to everyone at East Central, according to longtime faculty member and former women's basketball coach Lucille Wood, who was among those nominating Baker for the honor.

"Most people did not know Roy had entered the state meet because the College did not have a track team. Although he was known to spend many hours pole vaulting and running on campus, you can imagine the reaction everyone had at East Central when reading about Roy's success in the newspaper," Wood stated.

"And it was because of Roy Baker," she added, "that the rules for the state tournament were changed. After he graduated in 1956, a rule was passed that a participant must be a member of an organized team and participate in a set number of track meets to be eligible for competition."

Baker continued his track career at Mississippi College, and it was during this period that he found the most success. Due to back problems, he had to forego pole vaulting and concentrate mostly on running. He was captain of the 1958 team, and won 29 first-place awards competing in the 100-, 220- and 440-yard dashes. He also participated in the broad jump and high jump, and ran anchor leg in the 440-yard run and mile relay. The MC tracksters sported a 7-1 record in dual meets that year and claimed the Southwestern Conference Individual team trophy.

He also captained the 1959 team and participated in the same categories as the previous year, winning three 32 first-place awards in nine meets. He set school scoring records of 39 points in one meet, and established a school season record of 255 points. The 1959 team posted an 8-1 record with wins over Southeastern Conference teams. That year MC won the Birmingham and Southwestern Conference invitational meets.

The highlight of Baker's career came in 1959 when he captured the Southern AAU Championship in the 220-yard dash with a time of 21.3 seconds. He also set a record in the broad

jump.

Baker's success as a track star at Mississippi College was the subject of an article appearing in *The Clarion-Ledger* on April 30, 1961.

In the article, staff writer Curtis Nix chronicled a typical day for Baker, who had married since enrolling at MC. Because of his full schedule, Baker had to lighten his academic load, which delayed his graduation.

Regarding Baker's daily schedule, Nix wrote: "He works from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Jackson as a commercial artist in an advertising agency. An art major, Baker spends most of his time at his drawing board, creating advertisements and racking his brains for original ideas. After work, he drives home to Clinton. A quick dinner and he is off to night classes at Mississippi College. He then hits the track for his daily workout. How can a track star stay in shape if he doesn't work out occasionally? His workouts usually run from 10 to 11 p.m., and then it's time for bed." As Curtis noted earlier in the article, "Roy Baker needs a 40-hour day!"

When asked why he participated in track, even though he had to sacrifice so much, Baker replied: "Because I enjoy it, it's relaxing, and when I was in junior high school, one of my coaches told me that I'd never be any kind of athlete."

Baker was also a track standout at Louisville High School, where the three-year letterman participated in the pole vault, broad jump, high jump and the 100- and 200-yard dashes. He won conference, district and North Mississippi championships for three straight years, and went to the state finals all three years, finishing runner-up in the pole vault competition each year.



Roy Baker

He is also credited with helping establish the first track team at Louisville, explains his sister, Peggy McDowell of Louisville.

"Louisville, just like East Central, did not have a track team but that did not stop Roy from competing. I remember when he played hooky from school and hitchhiked to Clinton to participate in the state track meet his sophomore year. He finished second in the pole vault, and you can just imagine the reaction of school officials when they learned he had competed in a track meet instead of being in class," she recalled.

Earlier that same year, she said her brother hitchhiked to Meridian for a district meet, borrowed a pole and tied for first place. A few weeks later he thumbed a ride to Cleveland for the North Mississippi meet and won top honors.

Since Louisville did not field a track team, one may ask how did Roy Baker learn how to pole vault? His sister again explains.

"Roy used bamboo canes for poles

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and practiced on a homemade vaulting pit. He got his inspiration for the sport from the famous pole vaulter Bob Richardson, but he actually learned how to pole vault by reading a book about the subject," she said.

McDowell said Louisville began a track team because of Baker's interest in the sport. "And because of my brother," she added, "I even had to run track!"

Baker, who majored in art at Mississippi College, followed his success as an athlete with a successful career as a commercial artist in Jackson and Memphis. He was a partner in the advertising agency Maris, West and Baker in Jackson at the time of his death.

Baker's widow, the former Lena Frances McGee of Chunky, is married to Bob Higdon and teaches school in Jackson. She said Baker would have been "extremely proud" to accept the honor. "While he participated in track," she stated, "he was an avid fan of football, basketball and baseball, which were the major sports in Mississippi during his lifetime."

Mrs. Higdon said she and Baker met while attending East Central. They were both popular students and involved in various campus activities. She was elected Miss ECJC, served as a drum majorette, choir member and was selected a beauty and class officer. Baker was involved in student government and served as a class officer his freshman and sophomore years.

Although Baker loved track and making a living as a commercial

artist, she said his "real" love was painting and drawing, and he received numerous awards for his work.

"He drew more than he painted because of the time element. His subjects were old buildings, unusual landscapes and cartoons. The cartoons showed his terrific sense of humor. He also wrote poetry," she said.

Regarding his artwork, Baker made the following statement:

"I do not understand the reasons for my painting. I only know it is good for me to paint, and I am gratified if someone finds something of joy in my painting."

Following Baker's death, the 1973 fall publication of Arrowhead at Mississippi College was dedicated in his honor. The cover drawing, Mayes St. Bridge, was one example of his excellent work as an artist.

He was also posthumously presented the Hope Chest Award, the highest honor given by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mississippi chapter. Baker served as a director of the state's MS chapter.

Baker had three sons — Anthony Ames, Phillip Martin and Gordon Patrick. Anthony, who is deceased, was an investment broker in Houston, Texas. Phil is a political campaign consultant in Winter Park, Florida. He lives there with his son, Patrick Anthony, and Patrick's mother, Monica Mancini. Gordon is a sports marketing representative and lives in Plano, Texas, with his wife, Karen and daughter, Marta Isabelle.

Once Friends

I went back to the place today
Where I was bred and born and raised and played.

I somehow hoped to find Yesterday
Sitting in a rocking chair,
On the front porch of the old house,
Patiently waiting for his child to visit him.

But there were fields where forests were,
And now a forest where we grew cotton.
And I hoped those pines were not straining as hard
To live off that same land as we did.

The Smith boy down the road;
I had last seen him as a baby,
And now I was going to meet him and his pregnant
wife,
And visit in his home a second time.

Eighteen years worth of change.
I grew up and went away in it.
My father died in it.
My mother grew old in it.

I then realized that time
Did something with itself
Much more important than myself.
You can look at a tree and see where time goes.
It mattered not to time
Whether the fields grew cotton or peas or trees.
Time is ours
Only a minute and a breath at a time.
The search for yesterday is futile.
This moment is the search for tomorrow.

I had been given equal time to change,
As had the old place.
But I had probably changed more than it had.

So for now, I was perhaps as much a stranger to the old
place
As it was to me.

And it would take us a while to get re-acquainted.

by Roy Baker



Athletic Hall of Fame

Imogene Johnson Borganelli (Class of 1947)

Imogene Johnson Borganelli of Greenville said her love for basketball began at an early age. As a youngster she spent a lot of time watching teams coached by her father (the late Nick Johnson).

When Borganelli entered the eighth grade, she was no longer just a spectator — she was a player. And quite a player she became. She was a three-year letter-winner at Decatur High School, and continued her success on the hardwood at East Central Community College as a member of the 1945-46 and 1946-47 Warriorette teams, serving as team co-captain her sophomore year.

In recognition of her stellar career, Borganelli is joining three other former standouts being inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame for 2003.

Regarding the honor, Borganelli said, "I appreciate the nomination to the Athletic Hall of Fame. There are no words to express how I feel. I thank all of you. East Central Community College shall always be in my heart."

Borganelli, who was selected the College's Alumna of the Year for 2002, further commented about her affection for basketball:

"To say I loved to play basketball, especially at East Central, would be an understatement. I would have practiced long shots and free throws for hours if I had not been required to go to class. I had to make my grades because my parents would not have let me be on the team if I had not done so; therefore, I did study but it was not easy because when we traveled to other colleges to play we did miss a good number of classes."

Borganelli recalled that being

absent from class to play basketball was not always pleasing to some faculty members.

"Mr. (Frank) Cross would always ask me a lot of questions when I was absent. He did not like for us to miss class. And, it always seemed as if we had a game the very day Miss (Una) Harris assigned a huge paper to be written! But she was a wonderful English teacher. I think of her often, especially when I hear the King's English "being murdered," she stated.

Borganelli noted that "ECJC" had several "top-notch" teachers on the faculty when she attended the College. She said her favorite instructor was Frank Leatherwood.

"Mr. Leatherwood was my most admired teacher. He really tried to help us and guide us in his class. He also took the class on several field trips. In addition, he would talk to us about what we planned to do with our lives. He really cared about everyone of us."

Borganelli also had words of praise for Betty Short, who coached the Warriorettes.

"Coach Short was our basketball coach and physical education teacher. She was from Newark, New Jersey. All of us had fun and learned much about good sportsmanship from her," she said.

Among highlights of the 1945-46 season was a "road trip" to Mississippi Delta Community College, as she explained.

"The game was held in January or February, and it was very cold. The farmers were still picking cotton, and with a real cotton picking machine. I'm pretty sure none of us had ever seen a cotton picker — so the coaches let us sit and watch the process for a

while. We also spent the night in Moorhead, which was unusual because most of the time we came straight home following games."

During the 1946-47 season, Borganelli recalled learning "many new plays," and that football coach Carol Shows provided assistance to the team.

"Six girls were on each team - three forwards and three guards," she continued. "The forwards were on one end of the court and the guards were on the other end. I played runner-up forward, and we played man-to-man defense. No one wanted to guard me because I was never still and very fast!"

Borganelli recalled a-not-so-memorable highlight during the 1946-47 campaign:

"The bus we traveled in was named 'Bluebird,' and it had to be petted a lot! Bluebird broke down a good bit. The worst trip we had was when we played Wesson (Copiah-Lincoln Community College). The weather was so cold we had to put our warm-ups back on to keep from freezing. And 'Bluebird' kept freezing up and stopping. We would ride a while and stop a while, ride a while and stop a while. We finally got home early the next morning, about 4 a.m., if I remember correctly. I was the only member of the team that did not live in the dorm and I can still see my father and Miss Janie Sullivan waiting on us in the lobby of the girls' dorm. They were just a little bit upset, as you might imagine!"

Borganelli said she and the Warriorettes participated in several tournaments and won an invitational held in Senatobia (Northwest Mississippi Junior College).

Regarding her teammates,



Imogene Johnson Borganelli

Borganelli stated: "I do believe the Warriorettes were good ambassadors for ECJC. We all worked as a team and had admiration and respect for each other." She added, "I would love to see each girl from the teams on which I played."

Following her graduation from East Central, Borganelli attended the University of Mississippi. She continued her involvement in basketball by participating in intramurals. "Our physical education class formed the team," she explained, "and I played both years at Ole Miss."

In the spring of 1949, soon after receiving a bachelor's degree in education from Ole Miss, Borganelli was selected girls' basketball coach at Shaw High School. She successfully led Shaw for two seasons — 1949-50 and 1950-51. The 1950-51 squad won the Delta Championship in Class B-BB. She obviously has fond memories of her tenure at Shaw.

"We beat Margaret Wade's Cleveland

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Athletic Hall of Fame

Rex Keeton (Class of 1965)

When Rex Keeton donned "black and old gold" as a member of the Warrior football team, he was considered a "60-minute man" — a person who played offense and defense.

Not only did Keeton "play" on both sides of the ball, he also excelled, as evidenced by his selection as most valuable lineman by the Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association for 1964. He was also selected first team All-State, and his fellow Warriors selected him as their team captain.

The Taylorsville resident can now add another honor to his list of achievements as Keeton joins 43 former ECCC athletes who comprise the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. Keeton said he is "very grateful" to receive the award.

"I feel that this is the greatest single, personal honor that I have ever received. I accept this honor for myself, my family and all of the individuals who have had an influence on me throughout my life," Keeton stated.

Keeton, who played offensive and defensive lineman during the 1963 and 1964 seasons for head coach Dan Chatwood, said there were only a "few" highlights of his playing days at East Central, as the Warriors struggled for success during that period. The Warriors went 5-5 his freshmen season, and recorded wins over Copiah-Lincoln, Holmes, Southwest, Mississippi Delta and Northwest. EC went 1-9-1 the following year, with the lone win registered against Marion (Ala.) Institute. However, he noted a couple of events that "stand out" during his EC years.

"I remember one particular practice when the coaches told us to take Monday off after a bad game we had the previous Saturday. We all knew what was coming on Tuesday, and it did! It seemed that practice lasted all day, and let me tell you, it was no fun," he stated.

Another "memory" he cited involved his last game as a Warrior, which was against Itawamba in Fulton.

"Their record was 0-9 and we were 1-8-1. It was cold and wet. We dominated the contest. There was a big fight after the game. We lost the game (20-18) but won the fight," Keeton laughed.

In addition to playing football at East Central, Keeton was involved in student government and participated in various campus activities. He was vice president of the Student Body Association and held the same title for the Baptist Student Union. He also served on the Men's Council and was elected a class favorite.

Keeton continued his athletic career at Delta State University, where he was a two-year starter as an offensive and defensive lineman. He helped lead the Statesmen to an 8-1 record his senior year and received the sportsmanship award. He served as president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at DSU. Keeton is also a former standout at Morton High School, where he received All-Little Dixie Conference honors.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in health and physical education at DSU, Keeton began his career in public edu-

cation, which spanned 27 years. He served as assistant head football coach and head baseball coach at Greenwood High School from 1968-72; was assistant football coach, baseball coach and track coach at Morton High School from 1972-80; served as head football coach at Durant High School in 1980; was coordinator of CETA programs at Holmes Community College in 1981; served as assistant principal and teacher at Rosa Scott High School in 1982; was head football coach and assistant principal at Stringer High School from 1983-85; served as principal of Bay Springs Middle School from 1985-90; and served as principal at Taylorsville High School from 1990-95. He was in private business from 1995-99 and returned to the field of education in 1999 at Choctaw Central High School where he continues to serve as science instructor.

Keeton said highlights during his coaching career include winning the North Big Eight Conference championship and a bowl game at Greenwood, followed by a North Little Dixie Conference title captured at Morton. Taylorsville claimed two state football championships while Keeton served as high school principal.

Keeton said his life and career have been influenced by "the many outstanding coaches whom I played for and coached with," and includes the following: Dale Brasher, Jack Taylor, Glenn Rhodes, Fred Foster and Reggie Robertson, Morton High School; Tommy Guthrie and Dan Chatwood, ECCC; Horace McCool and Aubrey Rozzell, Delta State University; and Hollis Rutter, Greenwood.

Regarding his career, Keeton said he learned early in life how important receiving an education and playing sports were to his success.



Rex Keeton

"As a youth, I worked at the chicken plant in Morton. It did not take me long to realize that an education and a football scholarship to East Central were my tickets to success. I was the first person in my family to get a college degree. I chose a career in education because it would give me the opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life. It has been a career of love. I have the opportunity to work with some great people who have influenced me. I have had no regrets and hope to continue to make a difference," Keeton said.

He added, "I contribute my success as a father, husband, teacher, coach, and citizen to the people and relationships that I experienced both as a player and coach in the football profession."

Keeton is a member of the Mississippi Association of School Principals, the National Association of School Principals and the Mississippi Association of Coaches. He is also a member of First Baptist Church in Taylorsville, where he teaches Sunday school.

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Athletic Hall of Fame

Mark Killens (Class of 1979)

Mark Killens led the Warrior football team to a 6-3-1 record his sophomore year, which included a 21-16 upset of the undefeated Jones County Junior College Bobcats, who were ranked third in the nation prior to the season-ending matchup.

In recognition of his success at quarterback, Killens was selected permanent team captain by his 1978 teammates. The East Central Community College Alumni Association has also recognized his success on the gridiron by selecting the Union native to the 2003 Athletic Hall of Fame.

Killens, who also received All-State and All-Star honors and was selected the Warriors' most valuable offensive back following his sophomore season, said he is "very grateful, flattered, and undeserving" of his selection to the Athletic Hall of Fame, which now includes 44 of the College's standout athletes.

At 6-3, 200 pounds, Killens was considered one of the top quarterbacks in the state following his high school career and was recruited by several colleges, according to then head coach Ken Pouncey. Coach Pouncey, who led the Warriors from 1967-81, said Killens "was one of the best quarterbacks we've ever had at East Central."

He added, "Mark had good speed, a strong arm, and was a great leader. He was also a very tough individual. It was a joy to coach him."

David Bradberry served as Pouncey's assistant during Killens' sophomore season. James Mason and Chris Harris, a graduate assistant, were members of Pouncey's staff during Killens'

freshman year.

Killens said the highlight of his career at East Central was the upset win over the Jones Bobcats who came to Warrior Stadium in 1978 sporting a 9-0 record.

Sportswriter Austin Bishop of The Meridian Star, began his account of the stunning victory as follows:

"We interrupt this program to bring you this important message. World War III has broken out, the dollar is now worth only 17 cents and Jones Junior College has lost a football game. The last one is hard to believe, but it is the only one that is true.

"The East Central Junior College Warriors pulled off what many thought was impossible. They defeated the third-ranked Bobcats 21-16 at Warrior Stadium here Saturday night. ECJC quarterback Mark Killens and receiver Alexander Ealy put on an aerial circus that was close to unbelievable.

"Killens ran the ball in clutch situations with such grace it would have made Roger Staubach drool."

Killens also had success in the passing game, as he connected with Ealy on touchdown passes of three and 58 yards, with the latter score being the game clincher. According to Bishop's article, "Ealy caught the pass on the Bobcat 40, shook a would-be tackler and raced down the sidelines for the eventual winning score," which came with just over 11 minutes left in the contest. Killens also ran for a two-point conversion following Willie Hannah's three-yard run in the first quarter, capping an 11-play, 80-yard drive.

Following the game, Killens said the celebration "continued for a long

time!"

However, he noted, defeating the Bobcats was not a complete surprise to his teammates and coaches.

"We probably had the best week of practice ever prior to the Jones' game. We were mentally and physically ready to play, and really wanted to win the game not only because the Bobcats were undefeated and nationally ranked, but also because Coach Pouncey played football at Jones. It was obviously a big game for him, too," Killens recalled.

Killens and the Warriors posted a 4-6 mark in 1979, which was quite an accomplishment, especially considering what transpired early in the season.

"For some reason Coach Mason left after the third game our freshman season. The job that Coach Pouncey did following Coach Mason's departure is still amazing to me, and Chris Harris did a great job of filling in as assistant coach. They really did a good job keeping the team together, which was probably a big reason we had so much success the following year," Killens said.

Killens regards his two years at East Central as "the best two years of my football career." He further commented, "The friends and relationships that I made at EC are still very strong till this day. Ricky Harrison, who was my roommate during my freshman year, and Chris Harris, who served as an assistant coach the same year, continue to be some of my closest friends."

In addition to playing football, Killens was a member of the Warrior baseball team his freshman season.



Mark Killens

David Bradberry served as head coach.

Killens continued his athletic career at Delta State University, where he was a two-year letterman. He is also a former standout at Union High School, where he lettered four years in basketball and baseball, and three years in football. He received All-Choctaw Conference honors in basketball for three years and was an All-Conference performer in football for two seasons. He twice made All-District teams in basketball. He was twice selected Union's most valuable player in football and basketball. In addition, he received the Dewayne Killens Memorial Award.

Killens is general manager of Killens Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Pontiac, Inc. in Newton. A highlight of his career is serving as a member of the Legion of Leaders Sales Performance Group with Chevrolet Motor Company, and as a member of the Chevrolet Truck Sales Honor Club.

He credits his father, Hubert Killens, as his main career influence.

"Dad told me to always do what you tell people you will do, even if it costs us money. He also stressed the impor

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Academic Instructor of the Year

Dana Dear

After suffering a near-fatal car accident in 1983, Dana Dear, East Central Community College's Academic Instructor of the Year for 2003, knew that God had a purpose for sparing her life. She didn't know exactly what that purpose was until a short time later when she was given the chance to go back to school and nursing was the only option.

"I thought God would immediately show me why I was spared," Dear said. "But I was only shown glimpses at a time. When I was given the chance to go back to school, nursing was the only option that I had. The financial assistance offered to me had strings attached. I had to go to nursing school and become a registered nurse to receive the money.

"I never would have chosen this career for myself, because I thought I could not take the gruesome aspect of nursing. I thought 'how would I ever be able to give someone a shot or start an IV?' But God has a wonderful way of letting His children know when they are doing what he wants them to do and immediately I realized that I had found my place."

Prior to her teaching position at East Central, Dear served as a staff nurse and family nurse practitioner at Riley Memorial Hospital in Meridian. She also served one year as an instructor at Meridian Community College.

Dear said becoming a teacher has been the most rewarding and most challenging thing she has ever done as far as a career move.

"I love to see a student learn some

new skill or concept for the first time, but I dislike seeing the student become discouraged or totally frustrated," she said. "Again, I love to see the student who is very successful and I share in their joy, but my heart goes out to those who are struggling hard to maintain their average to progress in the program. Sometimes there are things I can do to help that student to focus study efforts and sometimes the student just isn't able to do what it takes to progress. There is a balance as a teacher that is very difficult to find."

Just like nursing, Dear said becoming a teacher is not something she would have chosen for herself.

"Teaching was probably not what I would have chosen for my life," she said. "I had two options when I went to graduate school that I considered. One option was becoming a nurse practitioner, the other was becoming a nursing instructor. I knew that if I chose to go into training as a family nurse practitioner that I could have both options available to me.

"My first choice is to be a nurse practitioner. But the options in the job market are not open to me in this area, and I feel that sometimes God leads you in ways that you might not see. Teaching seems to be where God wants me for now. He just seems to keep reaffirming the career of teaching for me.

"I have students tell me how God placed me in their lives and I believe it. I've had other offers as a nurse practitioner, and somehow the offers always seem to go away or not quite work out the way I had hoped. I always leave it

up to God and I believe EC is where I should be right now."

Dear said having a heart of compassion and remaining knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the content that she teaches is how she reaches her students.

She said, "I've never forgotten what it was like to be a student myself. I've been taking a course affiliated with the TelEmergency Program at the University Medical Center this summer and I've realized firsthand how valuable that compassion for the student is.

"Having a passion and love for the content that I teach is the primary method I use to reach the students. I've been to workshops that utilize all sorts of games and strategies to help get students' attention and help them remember what they have learned. But I feel that I have been successful just by allowing the students to see my enthusiasm and join me in that quest for knowledge.

"I also interact with them in the classroom and allow questions and discussion."

Dear said she believes that same compassion she has for her students is the most important part of being a nurse.

She said, "Without compassion, we can't be effective healers. Compassion without knowledge is not enough, but I feel that if we have true compassion, then we will want to know as much as possible to help the patient who is



Dana Dear

entrusted to our care."

Teaching also allows Dear to fulfill another role.

"Nurses need to be mentors to those entering our profession and to students who are in clinicals," she said. "I believe teaching allows me to accomplish that mentoring role.

"It's very rewarding as a teacher to see the students that you have mentored do well in their respective careers. I've been fortunate to see several graduate students recently and have been able to update where they are and what they have been doing with their careers. It's like being the proud parent to see how well they have done."

In addition to her teaching duties, Dear is sponsor of the College's ASNEC (Association of Student Nurses at East Central) organization.

"ASNEC is my joy!" Dear said. "I love seeing the students grow professionally and become involved in community service. It is a great way to get to know the students for who they are and not just as a student."

Dear was recently honored by the Mississippi Association of Nurses as Advisor of the Year for 2002.

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Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year

Katherine Buckman

"I decided while I was in nursing school that some day I would be a nursing instructor," said Katherine Buckman, East Central Community College's Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year. "I just felt that I had a knack for helping others, not only through nursing, but also through teaching."

A registered nurse, Buckman came to East Central in 1995 after teaching allied health at the Jasper County Career Development Center for one year. She is also a former staff nurse at Jasper General Hospital and Home Health in Bay Springs.

Buckman said she believes the greatest aspect of teaching is having the opportunity to help students change the course of their lives.

"Many of my students have been out of school for years and they come to class nervous and think that they won't be able to succeed. Many come from homes where they have no family support and low self-esteem. When they succeed in class, the students just glow with pride! Watching them accomplish their goals is the most rewarding part of teaching.

"I love to be a part of both their professional growth as a student and their personal growth. At the end of the college year, I try to remember what each student was like at the beginning of the year. The changes are just amazing!"

Humor and respect are the two things Buckman says she uses to reach her students.

"I use my sense of humor when lecturing so that students can associate the information I give them with laughter," she said. "I act out in class

and use lots of real-life experiences to exemplify what I am teaching. Most of them refer to me as our 'crazy teacher.'

"I also try to use respect to reach the students. I try very hard to treat them as I like to be treated. I think it is very important for any instructor to be willing to do whatever they might ask of the students."

As far as influences on her career, Buckman said her mother, Avis Kelsey, was also an educator and that she was fortunate to have her mother as a role model.

"My mother loved teaching and loved her students, which I witnessed first-hand at her funeral in 1998. Her students came in droves to the funeral and had such great things to say about her.

"I also had a wonderful experience in nursing school with great teachers who truly seemed to care about me, not just as a student, but as a person."

Buckman said she also has a nurse practitioner friend who continues to encourage her even now.

"Carol Thompson, who is a nurse practitioner in Bay Springs, is a great role model and friend," said Buckman. "While I was in nursing school she helped me in so many ways. And after I became a nurse, she continued to show me what a good nurse should be."

Family is a constant source of support for Buckman.

"My family continues to encourage and support me in all of my career endeavors," said Buckman. "My father, Richard Kelsey, has encouraged me to continue in school and advance my career. He has a strong work ethic that I feel I inherited."

Buckman added, "Mr. John Adcock, who recently retired as dean of vocational-technical education, has also been a great influence on me. He was an outstanding director who was always very supportive of the program. Mrs. Maudean Sanders, the assistant vo-tech dean, continues to influence and encourage me today. She helps the students and our program in so many ways. Her leadership is very much appreciated."

Buckman recalled highlights of her first year at East Central.

"During my first year at East Central, we had an outstanding group of students," Buckman said. "They were eager and just so excited to be in class, soaking up everything you threw at them. After a year of teaching high school allied health, I was ecstatic to be teaching students who actually wanted to be in class.

"I was so scared and nervous that first year. Each night I would go home and study like crazy for the next day, never sure that I was getting through to them. But alas, when the class graduated, all of them passed their NCLEX-PN (state board test) on the first try! Then I began to realize that I was in the right place."

Buckman said being a licensed practical nursing instructor is different than many of the other teaching positions on campus.

She said, "We are the only teachers our students have each day, all day, for



Katherine Buckman

12 straight months. Because of this, I get to know my students on a much more personal level. Over the years, I have been one of the first to know about pregnancies, engagements, divorces, illnesses, etc."

First semester is always the best according to Buckman.

"My favorite semester is first semester, when the students come to school so ready to learn," she said. "I have fun with them on the first day by warning them of the 20 pounds that most students gain during the year they are in school.

"Some of them just laugh and I know that they are thinking, 'No way will I gain 20 pounds.'" These are the same students that come to me second semester wanting to know how to let out their uniforms because they have gotten too tight!"

Buckman added that first semester is also the time for practical jokes.

"As the students become more com-

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Record of Alumni Awards

Alumni of the Year

1964 B.O. Smith, Louisville
 1965 Lucille Wood, Decatur
 1966 Henry D. Horton, Louisville
 1967 Crowley Alford, Carthage
 1968 W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur
 1969 Arthur Winstead, Philadelphia
 1970 Leon Sims, Philadelphia
 1971 Charles Carter, Jackson
 1972 Dr. William L. Weems, Jackson
 1973 Arno Vincent, Meridian
 1974 Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia
 1975 W.C. Spence, Walnut Grove
 1976 John Risher, Philadelphia
 1977 Jessie M. Everett, Decatur
 1978 Class of 1928, First Class
 1979 Glenn D. Walker, Union
 1980 Russell Walton, Union
 1981 Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville
 1982 Denver Brackeen, Union
 1983 Frank Hunter, Brookhaven
 1984 Herman Alford, Philadelphia
 1985 Carl B. Cooper, Decatur
 Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washington, D.C.
 1986 Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia
 Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville
 1987 Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur
 Dr. Addie R. Lee, Birmingham, AL
 1988 Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville
 Dr. Verbie Prevost, Hixon, TN
 1989 Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur
 Dr. Walterine Herrington Bell, Jackson
 1990 Larry Hogue, Flowood
 Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest
 1991 Dr. Clyde Muse, Raymond
 Lois Blount Cooper, Decatur
 1992 Earl Marshall, Clinton
 June Bailey, Biloxi
 1993 Melvin Tingle, Decatur
 Patsy Dunigan Clark, Louisville
 1994 Paul V. Breazeale, Jackson
 Jane Todd Gurry, Raleigh, NC

1995 Dr. John Gipson, Newton
 Wanda Comans Sharp, Sebastopol
 1996 Ray Britt, Walnut Grove
 Brenda Whatley Kirby, Forest
 1997 Dick Livingston, Pulaski
 Carol Farish Vickers, Decatur
 1998 T.H. (Tam) Etheridge, Jackson
 Nell Allen Rogers, Philadelphia
 1999 Dr. Shelby L. Harris, Decatur
 Illene Richie Gordon, Union
 2000 S. LeBrun Hutchison, Littleton, CO
 Jeanette Beavers Thrash, Decatur
 2001 Dr. Joe Todd, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Betty Lewis Gomillion, Walnut Grove
 2002 A. Harvey Trapp, Newton
 Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenville
 2003 Dr. Milton Matthews, Pearl
 Frances Harris Smith, Decatur

Athletic Hall of Fame

1985 Denver Brackeen, Union
 1986 Lucille Wood, Decatur
 1987 Billy Wayne Baucum, Decatur
 1988 Howard Jean Sessums, Harpersville
 1989 Lamar Blount, Decatur
 Arno Vincent, Meridian
 Earl Marshall, Clinton
 1990 Jeff Loper, Decatur
 Richard Harris, Hickory
 Sherrell Ray Marshall, Jackson
 1991 Larry Henderson, Daphne, AL
 Diana Lyons Jones, Bay Springs
 Wayne Tullos, Belle Glade, FL
 1992 Evelyn Bender, Newton
 Joe Clark, Decatur
 Bert Thompson, Clinton

1993 Esther Thomas Coleman, Louisville
 Barbara Jo Davidson Russell, Decatur
 Louis Watwood, Arlington, VA
 1994 Charlene Bates Jones, Forest
 Charlie Hope, Sharpsburg, GA
 Malcolm "Puddin" Jones, Decatur
 1995 Clayton Blount, Decatur
 Nan Houston Keenan, Rose Hill
 James T. "Jim" Wood, Louisville
 1996 M.E. "Boe" Davis, Cary, NC
 John W. Golden, Stone Mountain, GA
 Julie Latham, Morton
 Malcolm Phillips, Newton
 1997 Tommye Williamson
 Alfonso, Gulfport
 Lester Baucum, Wiggins
 James L. "Creep" Nelson, Newton
 1998 Van Chancellor, Houston, Texas
 Deborah Norwood Duncan, Philadelphia
 Howard Sessums, Clinton
 1999 Daisy Kate Williams
 Chaney, Union
 Sam Rutigliano, Forest, VA
 Charles E. Ward, Pace, FL
 2000 Billy Ray Dill, Escatawpa
 Sue Gunter, Baton Rouge, LA
 Jimmy Rea Madison
 2001 Willie "Tenny" Coats, Decatur
 Sammy Pace, Decatur
 Charlie Payne, Florence
 2002 Freddie J. Bagley, Forest
 James E. "Jim" Nabers, Louisville
 Robert Thomas, Philadelphia
 2003 Roy Baker, Clinton
 Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenville
 Rex Keeton, Taylorsville
 Mark Killens, Newton

1996 W. H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur
 J.W. Thrash, Decatur
 2001 James E. Land, Union

Instructors of the Year

1982 Ovid Vickers
 1983 Dr. Shelby Harris
 1984 Jessie M. Everett
 1985 Bruce Guraedy
 Al Bailey
 1986 Ann Burkes
 O. L. Newell
 1987 Tommy Thrash
 Chester Clark
 1988 Dr. Richard Ethridge
 John Adcock
 1989 Joe Clark
 Larry Blackburn
 1990 Lois McMullan
 Wallace Keen
 1991 Tom Carson
 Ricky Harrison
 1992 Ron Davis
 Lester Miles
 1993 Lucille Wood
 Sam Griffin
 1994 Alice Pouncey
 Elizabeth Brelan
 1995 Al Deaton
 Sarah A. Griffin
 1996 Charles Hinson
 Jimmy Dempsey
 1997 Dr. Richard Fisher
 Brenda Johnson
 1998 Leesa Wilkinson
 Conrad Germany
 1999 L. B. Bullock
 R. W. Clark
 2000 Dr. Linda Lane
 Sandra Thomas
 2001 Dr. Betty Sue Hennington
 Polly Mayes
 2002 Linda Baucum Pierce
 Gerald Jordan
 2003 Dana Dear
 Katherine Buckman

Lifetime Achievement Awards

1991 Dr. Austin Boggan, Decatur
 1994 Homer Hunter, Decatur
 Ovid Vickers, Decatur



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He is married to the former Kaye Payne of Pelahatchie, who serves as Adult Basic Education director at Jones County Junior College. They

have two daughters and two sons. Kim teaches school at Stringer and is married to James Ray, a coach at Taylorsville. The Rays have two chil-

dren, Fisher and Olivia. Richelle is an admissions counselor at Troy State and is married to Billy Jefcoat, who is also employed at Troy State and serves as basketball coach. They have a son, Press. Ryan is a physical education

teacher/coach for Forrest County Schools. Chase is a freshman at JCJC and a member of the Bobcat baseball team.

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She said, "That was probably one of the biggest highlights of my career at East Central. I love working with the students in the organization and for them to recognize me in that way was definitely a highlight.

In addition, she was named an International Health Professional for 2003 and was selected to Who's Who in America for 2002. Dear was selected District 15 Nurse of the Year in 2002 by the Mississippi Nurses Association and was named MNA District 15 Nurse Educator in 2001. She was selected for Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare, Millenium Edition in 2000.

In nominating Dear, Melanie Gilmore, Dean of Associate Degree Nursing at East Central, wrote, "Mrs.

Dear is an instructor that always asks 'What can I do to help?' She has shown a willingness to teach in any semester course, which means additional preparation on her part. She is versatile in her abilities to teach in many subject areas because of her vast knowledge and experience in nursing.

"She is a person of high moral character and values. She is a positive role model. It would be to the advantage of our college to employ more individuals of Mrs. Dear's caliber who care about human kind and leave a part of themselves with every student whose life they touch."

Dear received her associate's degree in nursing in 1992 from Meridian Community College and completed the bachelor's degree at the University of

Mississippi Medical Center in 1993. She received the Master of Science degree in Nursing from Mississippi University for Women and became a certified Family Nurse Practitioner in 1995 and has also received certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced life Support, Basic Life Support and Adult Critical Care Nursing.

She is a member of the American Nurses' Association, the Mississippi Nurses' Association, American Association of Critical Care Nurses, National Organization of Associate Degree Nurses, Mississippi Organization of Associate Degree Nurses and Theta Beta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau.

She is married to Talmadge Dear of

Hickory who is an electrician for Ratcliff Electrical Services. Their oldest son, Billy, works with his father as an electrician and is married to the former Lori Proctor of Meridian. Youngest son Ben, an ECCC alumnus, is in physical therapy school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Upon receiving this honor Dear said, "I am very honored to be receiving this award. I appreciate the fact that someone thought enough of what I do here at ECCC to nominate me and I am privileged to receive it. I know that we have some wonderful faculty members and I know that there are others that are just as deserving as I."

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fortable with each other and with the instructors, they do things like dress up the skeleton," Buckman said. "I have walked in and found our skeleton dressed like a nurse, a chain smoker, and a 'cool dude' wearing sun shades. Our mannequin 'Ricky' also has a tendency to get 'dressed up' or placed in odd places like the mechanical lift. I never know what I might find when I walk into the classroom or lab! I love the anticipation that each day brings."

In nominating Buckman, Vocational-Technical Counselor Sylvia Bush wrote, "Ms. Buckman is an instructor who strives for improvement in her profession and is always willing to go the extra mile to move the program and the College forward. She works well independently or as part of

a team. She is of the highest personal integrity."

Sandra Amis, Tech Prep Coordinator at the College, wrote, "Ms. Buckman has a real enthusiasm for the nursing profession as well as teaching. She is always adaptable to new ideas, relates well with the public and maintains a professional attitude at all times."

Buckman continuously has students place in the top three and top 10 on the state and national level during the annual HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Conferences.

She currently serves as president-elect for the Mississippi Health Occupations Educators and was named Mississippi HOSA Post-Secondary Advisor of the Year in 2002. She serves as an advisor for the ECCC

HOSA organization and is a post-secondary consultant on the Mississippi HOSA Executive Board. She is a member of the National Association for Career and Technical Education, the Mississippi Association for Career and Technical Education, the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges and the East Central Community College Administration, Faculty and Staff Association.

Buckman is a graduate of Germantown High School, Germantown, Tennessee. She received an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Meridian Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from University of Southern Mississippi.

She has two daughters. Ashley, 19, is

a sophomore at ECCC and serves as head cheerleader. Kelsey, 13, is an eighth-grader at Heidelberg Academy. Buckman's extended family resides in Collierville, Tennessee.

When asked how she felt about receiving this honor, Buckman said, "I am very honored and excited, but I feel that most of the credit goes to the students that I have been privileged to teach and to the great people that I work with. I am so proud to be a part of the East Central family. East Central is an incredible place to work. The administration and staff have always been so kind and supportive and I look forward to being part of the ECCC family for many more years!"



Ac'cents a Family Tradition For the Howells

When J.C. Howell joined East Central Community College's vocal ensemble the Ac'cents in the spring of 1991, he had no idea he was starting a family tradition. But since that time, his brothers Matthew and Luke and his sister, Dinah, have all been a part of what has evolved into the College's show choir.

The Ac'cents began in 1989 when Charles Hinson served as vocal music instructor and director of the Concert Choir. The group started with only a few female music students and has now grown into a full-fledged show choir with 12 members.

"When I joined the group in 1991, I was the only guy in the group with just three or four girls," J.C. said. "But it was a lot of fun."

While reminiscing, J.C. said, "We performed hits like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," and "Lost In Your Eyes," a big hit at the time made popular by Debbie Gibson."

In addition, the group had no sound system and just had to "sing loud," as J.C. said.

J.C. graduated from East Central in 1992, but not before getting his brother, Matthew, interested in the Ac'cents.

Matthew said he always liked to sing and wanted to be a part of a singing group. After hearing J.C. talk about the Ac'cents, Matthew auditioned and joined the group in 1993.

"J.C. would come home and talk about the trips they were going on and the songs they were singing and it sounded fun," Matthew said. "Hearing him talk about it got me interested."

Matthew was in the Ac'cents from the spring of 1993 to the spring of 1995.

"My first year in Ac'cents, the 'sound system' consisted of a tape player and singing very loudly. Dancing was very limited due to the fact that it was hard to hear and be heard at times. My second year, we had a system with stand-alone speakers,

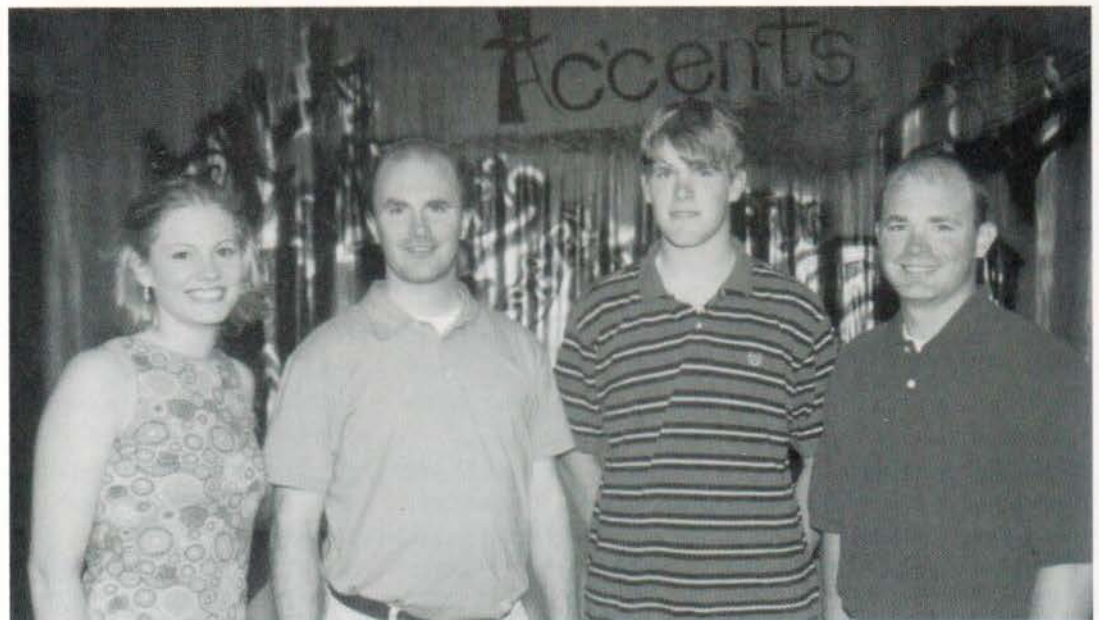
members of the 2003-2004 Ac'cents.

"We always saw them (JC and Matthew) perform and always wanted to be in it (Ac'cents)," said Dinah.

"My brothers said they had fun and also the encouragement of other previous members made me decide to

and getting to know each other is one of the best things about Ac'cents," Dinah said.

Luke agreed, "All the laughs we have together are so great. I couldn't pick just one special memory. The best thing is the fact that I don't have to be



The Howell siblings include (from left) Dinah Howell Lachney, J. C. Howell, Luke Howell and Matthew Howell. They are shown prior to the Spring 2003 Ac'cents Concert where they performed the National Anthem.

but we were still limited in our movements because of the corded microphones," Matthew said.

Matthew said some of his favorite song selections included "Pretty Little Angel Eyes" and "Cocomo."

Things have changed a little since the older siblings sang in Ac'cents. In addition to having more members in the group, the Ac'cents now have a more up-to-date sound system with cordless microphones and a choreographer who teaches various dance movements.

Dinah and Luke have been in the Ac'cents for one year and will both be

audition," Luke said.

The Ac'cents continue to perform for various civic clubs, area churches and other special events. They also present a show each fall and spring semester complete with stage lights and the occasional 'special guest.' During the spring 2003 performance the group performed an Elvis tribute and even had the "King" perform.

All four siblings agreed that the performances and the friends they made have been the greatest part of being involved in the Ac'cents.

"I love to sing and dance. And getting to spend time together as a group

serious all the time. Mrs. (Vicki) Blaylock allows us to have a great time."

All of the Howell children have been involved in various extracurricular activities in addition to being in the Ac'cents. They have all been involved in the Baptist Student Union, drama productions, choir, band and other academic organizations.

Their parents are Byron and Cynthia Howell of Little Rock.

For more information on the Ac'cents, contact director Vicki Blaylock at 1-877-462-3222, ext. 225.



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team two of the three times we played that season. Believe me, she was the 'one' every coach wanted to beat," she recalled. (Wade later led Delta State's women to three national championships in the 1970s).

She added, "Those two years of my life were wonderful — but so much pressure from every direction. I was still very young and I just wasn't sure I wanted to spend my life like that (coaching), even though I loved it."

She later moved to Greenville and helped in getting physical education reinstated in the Greenville Elementary School curriculum.

Borganelli found herself back on the basketball court in 1965, not as a coach but as a player.

"Some teachers and other area women decided to form a basketball team at the YMCA. We had a great time. I played my last basketball game when I was pregnant with my last child. Believe me, I did not know at the time that I was pregnant. I was almost 37 years old," she said.

During this period Borganelli also retired from teaching, which included stints at Jackson and Greenville schools, to assist her husband, S. J. Borganelli, who was in the battery business and would later become owner of Astor Oil Company.

Borganelli added, "I have been very healthy and blessed during my life. To be a true athlete, there must be talent, of course, but I say the three D's are important — discipline, dedication and desire. They are the keys to opening many doors."

No one has probably been more dedicated to her community and family as Borganelli, who has spent a lifetime serving others in various civic and educational areas.

Retired since 1992, Borganelli and her husband spend most of their time traveling and being with their family,

whom she considers her "greatest accomplishment."

They have five grown children. Mark is a cardiologist with specialties of cardiovascular diseases and cardiac electro physiology. He and his wife, Wanda, have two children, Ali and Chase, and reside in Pensacola, Fla. Greg is a dentist specializing in children's dentistry. He and his wife, Suzanne, live in Lake City, Fla. Sanci is a retired executive and assists her husband, Tom Ledwidge, who has a State Farm Insurance Agency in Miami Lake, Fla. They have two children, Tommy and Max. Bart serves as vice president in the cash management division with Bancorp South in Hattiesburg. He has a daughter, Alexis. Neal is an account executive with the Cytic Corporation in Birmingham, Ala., and Boxborough, MA.

KILLENS -

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tance of being honest," Killens stated.

Killens is also involved in various community activities. He currently serves as Sunday school director at First Baptist Church in Newton, and is past president of the Newton Lions Club and the Newton High School Booster Club. He currently serves as president of the ECCC Warrior Club, an organization that provides financial assistance to the College's athletic programs. In addition, he is a former chairman of the United Givers Fund drive and previously served on the Board of Directors of the Newton Chamber of Commerce.

He and his wife Kay live in Newton and have a son, Blake Revette, an ECCC graduate who is currently a junior at the University of Southern Mississippi.



Alumni at the Fair

Each year, East Central Community College alumni gather on Monday of the Neshoba County Fair in the cabin of Patsy Dunigan Clark on Founders' Square for a luncheon. Following the luncheon, the classmates enjoy hearing the ECCC Collegians perform in the Founders' Square Pavilion. Those enjoying the 2003 event included (front row, from left) Ray Morgan, Lib Smith Hill, Jo Lynn Parker, Patsy Dunigan Clark, Nan Shields Morgan, Pat Flint Mioton, Linda Lea Glasgow and College president Dr. Phil Sutphin; and (back row, from left) Jimmy Cagle, Donna Kay Sanders Beatty, Charles Thomas, Dorothy Thomas and Lois Cooper. Not pictured is Beverly White Duncan. (Photo courtesy of Marty Stamper/Lois Cooper.)



Livingston Recognized For Service

Randal Livingston (right) of Louisville was recognized for his 15 years service as a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees held earlier this summer. Livingston is shown receiving a plaque of appreciation from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.



Weddings

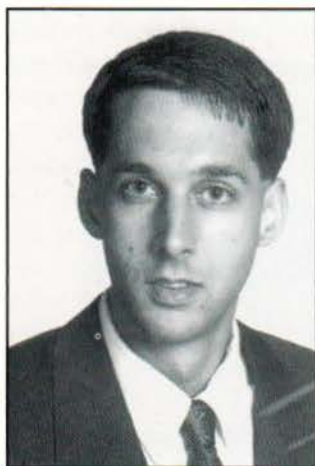


Alumni Brad Edmondson of Lake and Lindsey Posey of Philadelphia were married August 2 in the Baptist Student Union at East Central Community College.

Amy Eileen Allbritton to Butch Lynn Copeland
 Amy Renee Arinder to Christopher Bryan Young
 Brandi Louise Atkinson to Justin Brett Pearson
 Shannon Elizabeth Bowen to James Scott Jackson
 Jacqueline Burt to Cassey Bell
 Krystin Danielle Cahoon to Jonathan Robert Nutt
 Kristin Leah Cleveland to Joshua Mark McDonald
 Rheannan Crane to Scott Adcox
 Shelley Lane Cresswell to Robert Dowdle Thomas
 Kimberly Suzanne Crowell to Russell Dwight Long
 Heather Lynn Cushman to Jody Howell Dolan
 Ellie Davis to David Thomas
 Lititia Lynn Dodd to Vincent Lee Quinn
 Ashlee Taylor Douglas to Dr. Mark Alan Todd
 Ashley Paige Ethridge to Rusty Walton
 Stephanie Renee Evans to Thomas Christopher Cheatham
 Neenah Franklin to Nicholas Kirkland
 Kenya Lynette Grace to Ellis Carol Bledsoe, Jr.
 Cathie Marie Griffith to Stephan Kyle Sykes
 Allison Housley to Chase Measells
 Hayley Ingram to Robert Warner, Jr.
 Kayla Lindsey Jernigan to Diago Earnesto Vinet
 Lindsey Nicole Keen to Clifton Elliot Sanders
 Cori Elizabeth Leach to Christopher George Williams
 Latonya Deshay Loper to Tokasha Nakeo Watts

Benita Madden to Brian Ingram
 Sandi Joy McDill to Judd Alan Easom
 Marissa Lee McGee to Darren Victor Lee
 Karla Renee McMahan to David Nelson Gann
 Casey Wynne McMahan to Joshua Kyle Robinson
 Lekeisha Ann Moore to Harold Justin Windham
 Jessica Renee Moore to Jonathan Green Bassett
 Jada Lynn Nelson to Justin Allan McKinion
 Carrie Allison Norman to Joseph Earl Green
 Ashley Lynn Ogletree to Nathan Ray Rushing
 Alicia Nicole Pearson to Justin Daniel Reed
 Letitia LeAnn Pittman to Thomas Michael Culberth
 Charli Earline Reid to Charles Thomas Pierce
 Lakia Nate Ricks to Lamont Crockett
 Rachel Sherron Roland to Michael Lee Whittington
 Krystal Patrice Shumaker to Michael Jason Jones
 Nakia Lee Ann Terrell to Roy Thomas Walters, Jr.
 Kayla Jean Upton to Joseph Stephen Atkinson
 Jennifer Lee Veazey to James Marcus Savell
 Marcie LaDale Wall to Toby Ray Pinson
 Michele Williams to Lance Buchanan Clark
 Shelby Lee Ann Withers to Tad Emerson Oliver, Jr.
 Virginia Kaye Wolf to Christopher Dietrich Shirley
 Tara Lorea Yarborough to Adam Robert Lowery

Croft to Lead Men's Basketball Program at Martin Methodist College



Chris Croft

After serving several years as an assistant men's basketball coach, East Central Community College alumnus Chris Croft (Class of 1993) is now in charge of his own program.

Croft was recently selected head coach at Martin Methodist College, located in Pulaski, Tennessee. He succeeds Chuck Benson who left the RedHawks to accept an assistant coaching position at the University of Tennessee.

In accepting the position, the 30-year-old Louisville native, said, "I am extremely excited about the opportunity to be the next head men's basketball coach at Martin Methodist. I want to thank President

Ted Brown and Director of Athletics Jeff Bain for the opportunity to lead the basketball program. With the past basketball success on the national level and the administration's vision for the future, it is certainly a special time to be involved with the college."

He added, "It is also a very special time for me to receive this opportunity to be a head coach and in the Southeast close to my family. I am looking forward to recruiting quality student-athletes that are committed to being successful on and off the basketball court, while representing Martin Methodist College and the

Pulaski community on a professional and first-class manner."

Croft has spent the last four seasons as an assistant at Washington State University. He is also a former assistant at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and was a member of Eddie Sutton's staff at Oklahoma State University.

He served as a student assistant coach for former Warrior head coach Marty Cooper during the 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons, during which time ECCC posted a 52-13 record and won the 1993 MACJC State Championship. Croft received numerous honors while a student at East Central, including his selection to the Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College.

Croft does bring head coaching experience to his new position, as he served a summer leading a USA Basketball All-Star Team through a tournament in New Zealand.

Jeff Bain, MMC's director of athletics, said the RedHawks have probably landed one of the top young basketball coaches in the country.

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to hire Coach Croft," Bain said. "Chris inherits an MMC team that is unique in that it possesses a lot of strengths. I believe that his personality and various basketball experiences can meet the challenges and make the men's basketball program even better."

The RedHawks had a 137-95 record during Benson's seven seasons, including appearances in the NAIA National Tournament over the last three seasons during which time they won 69 games.

Croft is a graduate of Winston Academy, ECCC, and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he earned bachelor and master's degrees. He also served as manager and later as a graduate assistant for the Golden Eagle basketball team.



Ruth Carr Vincent: A Tribute

by: Ovid Vickers

I recently read that our lives are shaped by a few people whom we encounter at important junctures of our lives. One such person in my life was the wife of the third president of East Central Community College. She was a great teacher, a dedicated Christian, a mother, a grandmother and a friend.

Ruth Carr Vincent, former East Central Community College's first lady, passed away in her 85th year on Thursday, July 17, 2003, at Riley Hospital in Meridian, and I join her family, friends, and former students who celebrate her life and mourn her passing.

Ruth Carr, who was born and grew up in the High Point Community of Winston County, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller Carr. She graduated from Louisville High School in 1935 and entered East Central Junior College where she met her husband Walter Arno Vincent. She graduated from East Central in 1937 and completed her education at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Ruth and Arno Vincent were married for 62 years and are the parents of two daughters, Pamela Fowlkes of Monroe, Louisiana, and Daphne Lancaster of Meridian. They also have five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

In 1955 when I interviewed for a position on the East Central faculty, Arno Vincent who had become the president of East Central in 1952 invited me to his home for lunch. He picked up the phone, called home, and told Ruth that he had asked me to lunch. On short notice, she prepared a delicious lunch and joined in lively conversation as we ate.

When we finished the meal, she said to me, "Now, I know you must be tired from riding all night to get here. So, I have turned down the bed

in the guest room so that you can have a nap." This was my first meeting with this gracious lady who was to remain my friend for the next 48 years.

Ruth Vincent had majored in education in college, and she taught in the schools of Winston County, Decatur, and Meridian and also served as an instructor of reading at East Central Junior College.

She was one of the best reading teachers I have ever known, and her students always spoke of her with great respect and affection. She was one of those born teachers who always encouraged her students to do their best. She never condemned but always praised her students and expected them to be well mannered and to do their best.

Burma Reeves Weidler who was in Mrs. Vincent's class as a first grade student said, "Although it has been a number of years ago, I vividly remember being in the first grade with Mrs. Vincent as my teacher. I know she loved each one of us, and we did our best because we wanted to return her love by being the best students we could be."

Another of her former students, Betty Williams Cleveland, said of her, "She was the kindest person I ever knew. She was such a good teacher that each morning I could not wait to get to school. She had a special way of keeping us interested in what we were doing each day."

Ruth was a dedicated Christian and while in Decatur was active in the Decatur United Methodist Church. When the Vincent family moved to Meridian she became a long-standing member of the Poplar Springs Drive United Methodist Church.

She taught in the preschool department of the Decatur United Methodist Church Sunday School

and is the only person I have ever known who could hold a small child on each hip and do the hand motions to "This Little Light of Mine" at the same time. Children of the church loved her because she had a way of making each child feel that he or she was a special person.

In 1961 when my wife Carol and I married, Carol's five-year-old daughter Nona, as might be expected, underwent some adjustments to a new home. Since we lived across the street from the President's home, Ruth made it a point to include Nona in activities which she had planned for her daughters, Pam and Daphne.

Ruth was never flustered by children, their activities, or the noise they made. One day my wife was riding in a Jeep with Ruth on the Vincents' farm near Decatur. The three little girls were riding in the back of the Jeep and were making more noise than seemed necessary to Carol. She was about to turn and correct Nona's behavior when Ruth said, "Listen to those angel voices." Needless to say, after that Carol heard the noise in a different way.

If people visited in Ruth Vincent's home, no matter who they were, Ruth made them feel at home. One spring, the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi was invited to speak at East Central's graduation and spent the night in the President's home. The next morning while Ruth was preparing breakfast, she turned around and to her surprise found that the Chancellor had pulled up a chair near the stove. He had found Ruth such a good conversationalist



Ruth and Arno Vincent

that he wanted to continue their discussion from the evening before.

Services for Ruth Carr Vincent were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19, 2003, at Barham Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery. I considered it an honor to be asked to serve as a pallbearer along with Denver Bracken, Wayne Warrendorff, Jeff Fountain, James Grant and Sonny Vincent.

As we pallbearers walked from the Chapel to the grave site, I remembered all of the pleasant times I had spent in the company of this great lady. She was truly a woman who helped to shape the lives of those she taught and those who were her friends.

East Central Community College was an important part of the lives of Ruth and Arno Vincent. They were students here; they met here; they reared their children here; and they served the college as President and first lady. Because of their close ties to the college, the Ruth and Arno Vincent Scholarship Fund was established several years ago. At Ruth's death, her family requested that in lieu of flowers donations could be made to this scholarship fund.



Alumni News Briefs

Homer Ennis Catledge (Class of 1936) observed his 90th birthday on June 22, 2003. Catledge was a three-sport letterman at East Central, excelling in football, basketball and baseball. He lives in West Point.

Opal Hopper Green (Class of 1940) wrote to say she is "doing well for 82 years old."

Imogene Dallas Ritenburgh (Class of 1942) is retired after a number of years with the Extension Service and several years as a Home Economist/Appliance Demonstrator for Alabama Power and Light. She resides in Montgomery, Alabama. She is also a 1944 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi.

Elizabeth Irene Jones Brown (Class of 1943) of Forest wrote to say she would not be able to attend Homecoming this year because her granddaughter is getting married that day!

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lee Kirkpatrick (Class of 1943) of Noxapater recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Max G. Herrington (Class of 1946) wrote to say he is "just growing older and enjoying life."

Robert M. "Bob" and Anita Easom Chipley (Class of 1947) will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on January 29, 2004. Bob celebrated his 75th birthday on May 28, 2003. Anita will be 75 on January 28, 2004. They reside in Lake.

Sara Cagle Crawford (Class of 1949) recently completed a one-year term as Assistant District Governor of Rotary District 6150. She is an active

member and past president of the Marion Rotary Club in Marion, Arkansas.

LeBrun and Myrtle Ruth Fikes Hutchison (Class of 1949) recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

Louisville natives, **Pruitt** (Class of 1950) and **Jean Calvert** and their son, **Speedy** (Class of 1976), were recently featured in an issue of the Winston County Journal. The Calverts own Winston Furniture Company and have been sponsors of "Switch and Swap" since the 1950s. Since 1993, the local radio program has been aired live from the family's furniture store. The show has helped thousands of locals

sell, give away, trade and find some great treasures. Speedy Calvert has hosted the show for the last 10 years and most recently as "The Deal Man." The radio program can be heard from 8:17 to 8:35 a.m. on WLSM radio in Louisville.

Pat Shelton McInnis (Class of 1950) of Waynesboro is enjoying retirement and volunteers as a "Pink Lady" at the local hospital. She has two grandchildren who will be at William Carey this fall, one at Laurel Christian and two at Presbyterian Christian in Hattiesburg.

Betty Roxene Hall Atkinson (Class of 1953) retired after serving 35 years as a counselor in Mississippi schools. In 1960, while employed by Starkville High School, she was honored by the Mississippi Counseling Association for being one of eight

counselors starting high school programs. She was honored by the same group in 1963 when she was one of three counselors to begin an elementary program. She currently resides in Starkville.

Harold Leo Russell, Sr., DDS (Class of 1955) and his wife, Sherry, have six grandchildren and live in Brandon. They wrote to say they would like to hear from their many friends.

Melvin Nicholson (Class of 1955) of Mel-Ann Farms received the 2003 Master Dairyman Award from Dr. Terry Kiser of Mississippi State University at the recent statewide Dairy Herd Improvement Association's annual meeting.

Retired ECCC faculty member and Navy veteran **Bill Lovett** (Class of 1957) of Forest was featured in the Sunday, July 6, 2003 Perspective Section of the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger*. Lovett, who was interviewed by Perspective Editor Sid Salter, made several references to his alma mater in the article. He praised community colleges "as one of the best features of our educational system." Lovett also noted that more adult students are attending community colleges, and noted the accomplishment of Mrs. Lorene Graham of Conehatta who received her ECCC diploma at age 77!

T.C. Cannon (Class of 1957) is currently running for mayor of Birmingham, Alabama.

Charles Mooney (Class of 1957) is a retired educator from Mississippi and lives in Mobile, Alabama. He works part-time at the Magnolia Grove Golf Course, part of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Courses.

Clyde Mills (Class of 1958) who resides in Panama City, Florida, wrote to say he "really enjoyed the *Warrior* magazine."



Moody Receives 'Friend of Education' Award

State Representative and East Central Community College alumnus Robert J. "Bobby" Moody (right) of Louisville was presented a Friend of Education Award at the 2003 Summer Adult Education Conference, sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Adult and Community Education, and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Moody is shown receiving the award from Frank Koch, MAACE president, during the annual awards luncheon. In receiving the award, Moody was cited for his efforts in promoting adult basic education throughout the state, especially in east central Mississippi. The conference was held on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, MS. Moody attended ECCC in 1960-61.



Walnut Grove native **Sue Gunter** (Class of 1958), head coach of the Louisiana State University Lady Tigers, was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame during ceremonies held at the Vicksburg Convention Center in March.

Lois Cooper (Class of 1958), FBIA advisor at the Newton County Career and Technical Center in Decatur, was recognized at the State FBIA Leadership Conference in Jackson as 2003 Advisor of the Year for the Central District.

Wendell Marshall (Class of 1958), Dawn Mosley Mars, **Keta Mosley** (Class of 1957) and **Charles Carter** recently attended the reunion of the 1953 Philadelphia High School graduating class.

Riley (Class of 1961) and **Jean Burton** have retired and returned home to Newton County. Riley was licensed to preach 43 years ago and for the last 42 years they have lived and served churches in 3 states, 16 counties, 30 churches, and 17 charges/appointments.

In 1999, they purchased the Wheeler/Pilgrim house in Lawrence on Lawrence-Hazel Road. They enjoyed going there on days off and for holidays and vacations during the past four years while looking forward to retirement and 'coming home' permanently.

On June 10, 2003, this long time dream became a reality. After living in church-owned parsonages for most of those 42 years, they have retired and moved into their home at 440 Lawrence-Hazel Road.

They look forward to a 'change of pace' while Riley will be working and serving the Hickory United Methodist Church as a 'retired supply pastor.' They also plan to enjoy retirement, gardening and visiting with family and friends.

Riley has been involved in Volunteer

in Mission projects in six foreign countries, four states and many places in Mississippi since 1980. He still hopes, as time allows, to be involved in VIM projects.

They invite their friends to visit them in their home and/or to worship with them at Hickory United Methodist Church.

State representative **Robert J.**

"Bobby" Moody (Class of 1962) of Louisville was the featured speaker at the June 27 graduation ceremony for the Certified Public Manager Program held at the state capitol in Jackson.

George W. Dykes, DVM (Class of 1963) retired in 1993 after practicing veterinary medicine for 25 years in Pensacola, Florida. He has served on the National Board of Directors for the National Wild Turkey Federation for six years. He now resides in Troy, Alabama.

Nanih Waiya native and ECCC alumnus **Van Chancellor** (Class of 1963) was recently selected to coach the USA Women's Basketball team in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. He and his wife, Betty Cannon Chancellor, reside in Houston, Texas, where he serves as head coach of the Houston Comets of the Women's National Basketball Association. The former Ole Miss Lady Rebels coach will be the first man to ever coach the U.S. women's basketball team in the Olympics.

In a *Clarion-Ledger* article by Rick Cleveland, Chancellor said, "I never would have dreamed this could happen. This is as big an honor as you can get in coaching."

Chancellor was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998.

Van (Class of 1963) and **Kay** (Class of 1964) **Lucas** of Newton are enjoying their grandchildren, Charlie, 4, and Ben, 3, in Memphis and Frog Hollow (the get-away place) near Midway. Van is employed with Newton County Bank

and Kay is retired executive director of the Newton Chamber of Commerce. Both still support and love ECCC, where they met!

Ann Burkes (Class of 1963) spoke to the Newton County Historical Society at its July 2003 meeting. Her subject was the McMullan and allied families of Newton County.

Robert Green (Class of 1967) of Walnut Grove recently received a 10-Year Safe Driver Award from Watkins Motor Lines.

Larry Harrison (Class of 1967) owns and operates the Christian Publishing Company in St. John, Indiana.

Jennye Lyles Ledlow (Class of 1967) of Conehatta and Robert Ledlow of Lawrence announce the birth of their granddaughter, Allanah Grace, who was born February 21, 2003, to Lane and Rachael Ledlow.

Stanley Salter (Class of 1968) has been honored with a plaque in recognition of his service to the Philadelphia Rotary Club.

State representative **Billy Nicholson** (Class of 1969) recently presented J.B. Smith, a long-time mathematics instructor at ECCC, with a resolution honoring his family for dedication to their country during World War II.

A retirement ceremony was held on May 20, 2003, for **MSgt Kenneth R. White** (Class of 1969) at the 186th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Conference Room, Key Field ANG Base. White, who officially retired on May 31 following more than 32 years service with the Mississippi National Guard, was presented various honors during the special program.

He received the Meritorious Service Medal, the Mississippi Magnolia Medal, a Certificate of Service from the

National Guard Bureau for 32-plus years of service, a letter of congratulations from President George W. Bush, a clock plaque from the 186th ARW, and a United States flag, all presented by Lt. Col. Donald Jackson, Commander of the 186th LRS.

White's wife, Bobbie, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from COL Benjamin J. Spaggins, Commander of the 186th Air Refueling Wing. She also received a silver Magnolia necklace.

Family members who attended the ceremony included Bobbie and Julie White, Pete and Betty White, Brad, Lori and Kaleigh Cosgrove, all of Little Rock.

White joined the Mississippi Army National Guard on May 4, 1971 and served six years prior to transferring to the Mississippi Air National Guard, 186th ARW, Key Field, for the remainder of his service.

Patty Graham (Class of 1970) of Decatur was recently promoted to vice-president in the Meridian-based Great Southern National Bank. She currently serves as vice president, loan officer and branch manager in the Decatur office.

Terry L. Beckham (Class of 1970) is owner of Capital Concrete Cutting, Inc. in Clinton. He has been in business for 17 years. He resides in Raymond,

Gawen Watkins (Class of 1971) was selected Scott Central High School's STAR Teacher for 2002-2003.

Freddie Bagley (Class of 1972) of Forest was recently promoted to Chairman of the Board of Community Bank of Mississippi. Bagley, who previously served as president of the bank's holding company, has been with the bank for 27 years. He has served as a Board member since 1982. Bagley, a standout quarterback at Forest High School and ECCC, was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.



Ralph Brown, Jr. (Class of 1972) was recently promoted to Vice President of Territory Sales for Sysco Food Services of Jackson. He currently lives in Madison.

William D. Rhodes (Class of 1972) currently teaches history, geography and psychology at Winona Christian School in Winona.

Pam Tucker (Class of 1976) currently serves as Leake County School District's Technology Technician. Teachers in the school system call her the "computer doctor" and keep her busy with their computer-related problems.

James McRae (Class of 1976) will serve as the Carthage Chamber of Commerce president for the 2003-2004 term.

Dr. Randy Richardson (Class of 1979) of Oxford, **Dr. and Mrs. Roger Easom** (Class of 1963) of Memphis and **Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Turner** (Class of 1966) recently helped celebrate the wedding anniversary of Dr. Richardson's parents, Blake and Lillie Richardson.

Bobby Thrash and Marjory W. Thrash (Class of 1975) will begin work at Pearl River Community College in fall 2003.

Jay Brown (Class of 1983) currently serves as athletic director and head football coach at Pell City High School in Pell City, Alabama. He and his wife, Debbie, have been married 19 years and have two children, Wesley, 11, and Molly, 10.

Noxapater native **Dennis Russell** (Class of 1988) has been named president of Century 21 Alliance Group in Birmingham, Alabama. Century 21 is the world's largest real estate company with more than 6600 offices in North America. He is married to the former

Roxanne Reed of Louisville.

Andy Childress (Class of 1989) of Louisville is now publishing a newspaper called "Bubba World Comix." The paper carries advertisements and several pages of comics drawn and written by Childress.

Karla Munn Russell (Class of 1990) of Decatur, a second grade teacher at Tucker Elementary School in Neshoba County, was awarded the Reading Renaissance Model Classroom Level 1 Certification by Renaissance Learning, Inc. Model Classroom certification indicates that Russell's efforts to adopt Reading Renaissance methods have resulted in measurable increases in student reading performance. Teachers who receive the certification must demonstrate that their students receive a maximum of 60 minutes reading practice time daily. In addition, teachers must be actively working with individual students to meet Renaissance-recommended standards for reaching achievement.

Lela A. Ladner (Class of 1992) recently obtained National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She is a first grade teacher at Madison Avenue Elementary in Madison.

Decatur native **Ken McMullan** (Class of 1992) was recently named principal at Nanih Waiya Attendance Center. For the past three years McMullan has served as assistant principal, athletic director and head football coach. He will continue to serve as head football coach this fall. McMullan is married to the former Leigh Warner of Louisville. They have two children, Kenley, 5, and Trey, 6 months.

Scottie Alan Moore (Class of 1992) is a recent graduate of the Army Force Management Staff College. Moore, an Army captain in the Airborne Infantry, serves as proponent chief for the



Do You Know These People?

These ladies posed for a photo on the steps of Jackson Hall dormitory in the fall of 1962. Pictured are (front row, from left) Glenda Sue Gary and Martha Doolittle; and (back row, from left) Elaine Cotton, Lynda Wylie and Betty Duke. All are members of the East Central Junior College Class of 1963.

Infantry Branch, which includes Light, Mechanized, Airborne-Ranger and Air Assault Infantry forces deployed and stationed throughout the world. Recently relinquished command of DELTA company 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, Fort Benning, GA. His wife, Gretchen, is a registered nurse. They reside at Fort Benning, Ga.

Jennifer Malone McMillan (Class of 1994) and Anthony McMillan were married on September 20, 1997. They now reside in Carthage.

Reed H. and Yancey Mason Harrington (Class of 1994) announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Presley Harrington, on March 25, 2003. The family resides in Brandon.

Robert and **Tawanna Carter Craft** (Class of 1995) announce the birth of their son, Robert Earl Craft III (Trey) who was born February 5, 2003. Tawanna was also recently promoted to Human Resources Representative at the Silver Star Hotel and Casino. They live in Union.

Jack and **Dane (Vance) Scoskie** (Class of 1995) are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Piper Eliza, who was born on April 10, 2003. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19 3/4 inches long. Janice Vance (Class of 1989), the "proud Granny," also welcomed the new arrival. The Scoskies reside in Blackshear, Ga., where Jack is an engineer for International Paper and Dane is a science teacher.

After four years as the head coach of the Newton Tigers, **Brad Peterson** (Class of 1995) of Louisville, will serve as the head coach of the Forest Bearcats.

Mike Hurst (Class of 1995) recently left the law firm of Troutman Sanders LLP and has begun working for the House Judiciary Committee as counsel for the subcommittee on the Constitution. His wife, Celeste (McKee, Class of 1996) and daughters Anna Reagan, 3, and Amelia, 16 months, are all doing well at their home in Alexandria, Virginia.



Former East Central Community College standout **Marcus Thames** (Class of 1997) of Louisville has been traded from the New York Yankees to the Texas Rangers for 37-year-old veteran Ruben Sierra.

Thames, 26, hit .278 with two home runs and 28 RBIs in 52 games at Triple-A Columbus. He appeared in 41 games in centerfield and 11 in right.

The right-handed batter is in his seventh pro season after being selected by the Yankees in the 30th round of the 1996 draft. He will start the season in the Rangers organization with Oklahoma, Texas' Triple-A Club.

Thames had an auspicious beginning to his major-league career when he hit a home run off Arizona Diamondback ace Randy Johnson in his first at-bat last year.

Kim George (Class of 1999) is completing her fourth year in surgical technology at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center.

Sherry L. Akins (Class of 2000) graduated magna cum laude from Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus in May 2003. She is presently employed with the Newton County School District.

Dexter Akins graduated from MSU in December 2002. Their daughter, Celeste Michele, wed Clayton Cooper in December, 2002. Clayton and Celeste currently attend ECCC.

Karla Renee McMahan and **Kristi Lynn French** (Class of 2000) both received nursing degrees at the University of Mississippi Medical Center during 2003 graduation ceremonies.

William R. Savell (Class of 2000) of Lake was recently awarded the prestigious Judge R.J. Bishop "Mississippian" Award, which is presented each year to a University of Southern Mississippi graduating senior who exemplifies the struggle "to overcome economic, family or physical

hardships in pursuit of an education."

The award was established in 1978 by Miss Elna Bishop in memory of her father, Judge R.J. Bishop. The recipient receives a check for \$5000 from the USM Foundation, administrator of the fund.

Savell was nominated for the award by Dr. Jesse Palmer, professor of curriculum instruction and special education.

Last year, Savell taught fifth grade language arts classes at Bettye Mae Jack Middle School in Morton. He also continues to work part-time for James F. Webb Funeral Home in Newton and serves as minister of music at Pinckney Baptist Church in Union.

Palmer introduced Savell during the awards presentation and read from an essay that the recipient had earlier written. He wrote, "All in all, God has blessed despite hard times, but we, He and I together, have overcome victoriously because He is faithful to supply all my needs as He has promised in His word. All my victories, conquers and success are due His name, for He has provided the way, the truth and the life."

Michael B. Thompson (Class of 2001) of Collins is a senior at the University of Mississippi, where he is pursuing a degree in chemical engineering. He is also a member of the Army National Guard.

Kelli Harris (Class of 2001) of Decatur is enrolled in graduate school at Mississippi State University, where she is pursuing a master's degree in business administration.

Brandon (Class of 2001) and **Lachae Barrett** (Class of 2001) **Jones** announce the birth of their son, Herbert Devin Jones. Devin was born September 20, 2002. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Asylbek Osmonov (Class of 2001) of Philadelphia was recently awarded a

Taylor Medal at the University of Mississippi. The Taylor Medal is the University's highest academic honor. A UM senior studying accountancy, Osmonov was recognized for outstanding scholarship in a particular field and superior work in all other subjects. The Marcus Elvis Taylor Memorial Fund was established in 1904 and is awarded to no more than one percent of the student body each year. Osmonov is the son of Abylbek and Jenishkan Osmonov of Balykchy, the Kyrqyz Republic. He is a member of Beta Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Phi and Tau Alpha Chi academic honor societies.

David and Samantha Smith Stroud (Class of 2001) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Dallas Elizabeth Stroud, born April 12, 2003. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces. Proud grandparents are J.D. and Lissie Smith of Lake and Jimmy and Mary Stroud of Sturgis.

Michael Whittington (Class of 2001) and **Rachel Roland** (Class of 2001) were married July 5, 2003.

Miranda Faulk (Class of 2002) of Louisville was selected Miss W at Mississippi University for Women and competed in the Miss Mississippi pageant in July.

Emily Casey (Class of 2002), a junior at Mississippi College, was recently selected to the American Southwest Conference All-Eastern Division first team in fast-pitch softball. She started 37 of MC's 39 games and played in 38. Her .363 batting average led the team. Only outfielder Allison Price, who batted .358, and Casey hit over .300 with as many as 15 at-bats.

Casey spent most of her time in left field, but also saw time on the mound, where she was 2-1 with a 6.20 ERA. In 20.1 innings, she struck out 18 and walked 13.

April McAdory (Class of 2003) of Philadelphia recently received a \$1,500 award from the Scholarships for Military Children Program. Over 6500 students applied for the scholarships worldwide and 550 were selected. She will be attending the University of Mississippi this fall.

Dixie B. Vance and **Carol Greer** retired at the end of the 2003 school year. Vance taught for 33 years and Greer for 28. Both taught in the Morton School System.

Paula Stokes was selected as the 2002-2003 STAR Teacher at Nanih Waiya High School. She was recently named assistant principal at Nanih Waiya where she teaches high school English. She also teaches adjunct for East Central Community College.

Niki Torrence represented the City of Morton in the recent Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg.

Linda Harris and **Becky Valentine** retired from Newton County Elementary School at the end of the 2002-2003 term.

State senator **Gloria Williamson** hosted a gathering honoring Governor Musgrove at the Williamson Cabin on the Neshoba County Fairgrounds during the 2003 Neshoba County Fair.

Greg Jackson (Class of 1981) was recently promoted to accounting officer at The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, announced Greg McKee, Bank President/CEO. Jackson, a Neshoba County native, is also a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and Mississippi State University, where he received a bachelor of professional accountancy degree. Prior to joining the bank, he was a co-owner of a local retail business.



(NOTE: In observance of East Central Community College's 75th anniversary, alumni were asked to submit their "memories of attending the College." The responses received are published in the following five pages.)

"The students of 1946 struggled through EC in the depths of WWII and in spite of the attendant difficulties the annual May Day Celebration was held under the capable direction of Mrs. (W.W.) Newsome, highlighted with the presentation of Mr. and Miss ECJC."

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"When I attended ECCC (ECJC then), there were about 600 students. By far, most of us were dorm residents, so we got to know almost everyone there. I will always remember the friendly, supportive atmosphere and the knowledgeable and dedicated instructors. Spring afternoons after the evening meal were particularly enjoyable, when we would sprawl on the grass on the front campus, engage in friendly

conversations, with maybe a little flirting, and listen to the chimes from the church across the street until Miss Barber, the dorm supervisor, would signal from the porch of the girls' dorm that it was time for her young ladies to come in for the night. Great times!"

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"Walking through the Student Center listening to "Riders on the Storm" by Jim Morrison and The Doors. Having your picture drawn by Gordon Smith. Hey, did he become famous? I have a pencil drawing he did in 1971, if so.

"The freedoms of dorm life in 1971-1972 included Tuesday night 'date' night, the only night you could leave campus, legally. We could even go to Newton to see a movie at the Roxy. Girls could wear shorts only at gym class, even though our dresses were shorter than gym shorts!

"There was always girls visiting in your dorm room, nonstop girl-talk. Meeting up with friends on the mall. Occasionally we even had cookouts on the mall for our cafeteria meal.

"The most captivating teacher I had was Mr. Ovid Vickers. He told us, you

enjoy the anticipation greater than the actual event. So many times, since my days at EC, I have repeated that. It is so true.

"You Can't Take It With You' and 'Annie Get Your Gun' were the great plays of the year. 'Summer of '42' was the movie to see, but we had to go to Meridian to see it.

"Walking across the street to attend the BSU Center was a refreshing part of my college life.

"I commuted two summers to ECJC from Morton on the ECJC bus. This was living dangerously. One morning getting off Interstate 20 at Newton, Vance Carlisle realized the brakes had gone out. He was able to downshift and get us onto Highway 15 safely and onto school! Another summer morning coming down Highway 15, I was awakened with a jolt and looked up to see a wheel from our bus going down the road ahead of us. We ended up in someone's front lawn all in one piece and still upright, thanks to Louise Sessums' great driving skill."

Jan Winstead

"Thought you would enjoy this from East Central Junior College, 1963. These guys were from Nesboba Hall and some from the basketball

dormitory. You can check with Ann Burks (library director). She would remember most of these guys. I was the kid from Ohio who stayed in Nesboba Hall and the Dean of Men was Coach Blount! Pictured are Ken Stidham, with guitar in hand from Westchester, Ohio 45069; Benny Kirk, married to Pam Kirk from Philadelphia; Dennis Smith, Texas Boy; Melvin Parten from Alabama; Sonny Weir, Newton; I'm not sure if Eddie Smith is in this pictured, but he should remember most of these people!"

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(Photo was unable to be reproduced.)

"Hi. I wanted to tell you what I liked best about ECCC. I think my favorite part was sitting under the Harrison Memorial with my close friends during our breaks. Just sitting there and talking to them. Having fun. I loved the teachers at ECCC. They were helpful and very memorable. The freedom of leaving to eat lunch and roam around waiting for the next class was nice. I loved all the friends I met at ECCC and meeting people from all over. I made some of my life long best friends from that time in my life. I still see them today and keep in contact. There are so many memories stained in my head from that time in my life. Times I will not forget. ECCC made getting an education fun. I've listed some things that I really enjoyed about ECCC, but the one thing I have to say I hated—the parking!

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"Favorite Memory: Ovid Vickers! He taught me as a freshman (1959-60) and as a sophomore (1970-71). Also, I remember Dr. Neill."

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"My favorite memory from East Central would be preparing for the production of 'My Fair Lady.' Ms. Laura Hammons and Ms. Lila Hunt spent countless hours working on getting everything just right for the musical. We all had such a wonderful time working together to learn different parts and then also on the actual production. Some of my greatest friends and favorite memories were created that semester."

Amy Williamson Henry
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"To address all of the fond memories that ECCC has blessed me with would take far longer than anyone would care to read. After all, my father, Leonard Lee, worked at the college for 24 years (1964-1988). It was there that I got my first real job washing dishes in the cafeteria. Also, most of the instructors and others employed by the college affected me positively far beyond their professional positions—they were my friends and neighbors. I still value and hold dear their friendships today."

"While ECCC affected many areas of my life, I can say without hesitation that the time I attended ECCC produced some of the best memories of my life. As a former ECCC football player in 1978-79, I established many strong friendships that exist to this day. I still fondly recall being a part of the team that defeated undefeated and third-ranked Jones County in the season finale of 1978."

I thank former coaches Ken Pouncey and David Bradberry for the opportunity to participate in the football program at ECCC.

"Last but certainly not least, it was at ECCC that I met my wife of 20 years, Cindy. Cindy and I have three children who will probably be strongly encouraged to attend ECCC. If they do, it will certainly be a continuation of the many fond memories I hold of ECCC."

"To the many fine people who made and continue to make ECCC, I say thanks."

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"I was happy to receive your email. My family has long been fans and supporters of East Central. My great aunt, a young and vibrant 90 year old, was one of East Central's earliest cheerleaders. My father, H.L. Goolsby attended almost 40 years ago and I graduated from East Central, as did my husband, in 1990. We will try to find some photos to send in. Thanks again!"

Leigh Ann Goolsby Crocker
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"My most wonderful moments at ECJC were the intramural sports. I had a great time playing flag football, basketball and softball. I made many friends through this."

"I'll never forget my first day at EC. At orientation I was so excited to see all of the possible new friends. The picnic that night on the grounds between the Administrative Building and Jackson Hall was great."

"I'll never forget the motherly nature of Mrs. Kilpatrick in Jackson Hall. She loved us all dearly. We loved her too."

"Homecoming 1982 was unfor-



gettable. I, Melissa Bates Kelly, was a freshman maid. My sister, Tammy Bates Lee, was a sophomore maid. We spent all night dolling up for the event, then it stormed! It stopped raining long enough for halftime events then it poured again. We have a picture somewhere at my mothers of wind catching our hair. What a sight! This event was important to my family because all of the Bates sisters were homecoming maids at ECJC. Our older sister Debbie Bates Webb was freshman maid in 1976. Tammy had the privilege of being chosen as maid her freshman and sophomore years. We were very fortunate to have so many friends while on campus."

"I still consider my EC friends some of the best friends that I ever had. I went to school at Leake Academy for six years, but hardly kept up with any of my former classmates. That's not so for EC I truly had the time of my life at EC and wouldn't change a day of it for anything. I'll always cherish those memories."

"I tell my children about EC. My oldest daughter, Chelsae, is determined to go to EC and play basketball for the Lady Warriors. She has said this since she was in the 5th

grade. I hope this does become a reality for her. She has had the privilege to attend one of EC's summer basketball camps. She was upset this past summer whenever her school's basketball camp schedule conflicted and she was unable to attend EC. She informed me that she would not miss the camp again."

"Oh well! I can't begin to email all of the good ole' times. Keep up the good work. I'm proud to say that I'm an ECJC alumnus."

P.S. *"I married EC alumnus Rodney Kelley ('79) who was also a former Warrior football player."*

Melissa Bates Kelly ('84)
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"I have many wonderful memories of my time at ECCC and made some terrific life-long friends while I was there. But some of my favorite and most fun memories are of the time spent working and practicing for the fall dinner theater and spring musical productions of the ECCC Players."

"I'll always remember playing the dumbest blonde ever and gaining experience in live comedy performance in 'Fools.' Teaching and choreographing the dance routines for 'Anything Goes' was definitely a challenge, but it was a lot of fun and the



entire cast had a great time putting it all together. East Central Community College will forever hold a special place in my heart."

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"Thanks for your update on plans for the 75th anniversary celebration. Here are a few thoughts from my experiences at ECJC from 1944-46. The basic chemistry, which I learned in Dr. Frank Cross' classes, and biology under Prof. James equipped and inspired me to continue my education through a Ph.D. with double major in microbiology and biochemistry at Iowa State University.

"The practical learning and skills from Mr. Shannon in shop classes served me well throughout my career in several different major projects. The leadership values imparted by Dr. L.O. Todd propelled me to a successful career in Corporate Management in two different national companies. The human values I absorbed from Mrs. Newsome carried me through some very critical times in my life. And in the course of all that, this was the most enjoyable and fun time of a lifetime (and why not, with 200 girls and only 16 boys on campus when I started!).

Best regards,
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"My favorite memories of ECCC are being a part of the Centralettes and Fashion Squad. I think Alice Pouncey had a very big impact on my life and on me being the lady that I am today. I still respect and value her opinion

greatly.

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"The memories I have of East Central are pillow fights, staying up past 'lights out,' bleaching bangs and the crazy things that college kids do. Then there were the long weekend basketball trips to places like Poplarville, Perkinston, Itawamba, etc., but the most important thing was that I met my late husband, Joe Shepard, at EC. I have fond memories of sitting with him on the front lawn after classes each day, going to the Student Center in the morning for refreshments, meeting him in the library at night for some serious studying, and the infamous 'Monday Night Movie' that we were allowed to walk to. Those are fond memories and I treasure them."

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"I have many happy memories of my time at ECCC. The late night trips to Pearls or Betty's Kitchen or Lahara's. The very late night visits with 'Chief' Thornton in the boiler room, his 'office.' I remember bull sessions in the dorm and the dances after home football games. I helped and had parts in the dramas directed by Mr. Vickers. I remember Homecoming as a student with open house in the dorms. That was the only time we could 'legally' go to the girls rooms! The pre-game activities before the EMCC games were always exciting. I made many friends and still see many of them at Homecoming each year. I also remember 'Freshman Day.'

"There are many more but I expect that you will have many responses. I

do remember 'NOT' decorating Mr. and Mrs. Vickers car when they married, because they threatened my life if my friends and I did. (However, we did slip a note inside the gas lid cover, which said that this couple was 'Just Married'.

"I remember the times we went to Brother Neils to 'hang out' and the Wesley Foundation meetings. I also remember basketball games in the 'old gym' and so much more!

"Last, but not least in importance, my last semester there my wife of 41 years, Jean, and I were courting under the trees on the benches on the front campus between Huff Auditorium and the original library, now the administration building. We would always leave each other notes and we would study together for tests. She always made a grade higher than I did. I know that East Central prepared me for senior college and graduate school and many years later it was an honor to be chosen to speak at summer school commencement when my youngest brother, Robert, graduated.

"I will look forward to seeing many of you at the 75th anniversary homecoming. I retired in June, 2003, after 42 1/2 years as a United Methodist Minister. Our plan is to move into a home we have purchased in Lawrence. To paraphrase another 'old timer,' Thanks for the Memories ECCC!"

Riley Burton
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"I would suppose one of my best memories of ECJC as it was in 1978-80 were the classes of Mr. Vickers. He was so interesting. He still is. I read his newspaper columns He actually made you feel a part of the Literature he taught. He was a dynamic teacher in all respects. I am sorry many did not have his classes that could have.

"Another memory was the fine production of MAME put on that first

year ECCC. I will never forget Evelyn Pierce and her mouth opening with the ability to sing. This is because she was so quiet, timid and quiet in the dorms. This was my first time to actually attend a musical. In fact, I went to it twice. I bought one ticket and then, one night was rained out and several of us got to go again. The entire cast was awesome in that musical.

"I recall the 'band road trips' to other football games. Whether crammed in a bus with everyone or taking our cars there was always an adventure. Geedie Simmons, Jamie Satcher, Ken Hackman, Scott Lewis, the Sinclair twins, Lynda Gayle Killen 39365 from Union. We had a great time with great people. The band was small, but we did our very best to make up for it loudly.

"What college would be complete without a cafeteria? The food was horrible. Nothing like today's standards. I gained almost 20 pounds until I left there. Let's not forget the infamous roll fights. Those things had to have a little concrete in them. And, the little lady who checked off our tickets, her daughter works at La-Z-Boy. I was able to tell her what a dear she was.

"There were also the student body clubs. One of these clubs was brought about indiscreetly by myself. We girls had a blast with out fellow males. This little unknown club even had Mrs. Kilpatrick worried. She attended Awards Nights on the 3rd floor after 10ish. It was all in good fun. We were the WOPS!!! I even gave Mrs. K an award.

"It is impossible to talk about all the friends I made for life at EC. I remain in contact with a handful. I am always glad to see them or hear from them. I have seen a lot of them at the Nesboba County Fair and at Wal-Mart throughout the years. The time is not enough and visits are cut



short by family. I do think the roomies I had deserve special credit for survival both years. They included the Sinclair twins, Lisa Johnson, Anna Lewis, Krista May, Patty Thornton and basically the entire dorm as our room always had this OPEN DOOR policy.

"East Central should list all alumni somewhere in the building and let it be known what outstanding contributions it has made to the area. From attorneys and doctors, to housewives and ministers, geriatric specialists, dentist, lab specialists, football, basketball and baseball major leaguers, some of the best nurses in the country, flight attendants for major airlines, and myself, a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi after EC in

Criminal Justice.

"I went on to manage one of the top profitable Pizza Huts in the franchise which included over 300 stores. From there, I went to manage restaurants at the Silver Star Resort and given the opportunity to be the Safety and Loss Prevention manager, I moved to La-Z-Boy Inc. in Newton in December of 2002.

"I have worked my entire life and never married. I do have a dog that is a little mixed mutt named Precious. I make time for what needs to be done though and family, my health and friends came first. I just wish we could all arrange that one more time. Our class scattered all over the world I think. I am proud of ECCC and the friends I made and continue to make from there.

"No matter where I go or what I do, in many of my travels, I have actually run into someone who went to EC or knew someone at EC at one time or another.

"I would welcome any contact from old friends. I may be contacted at the following address: Kathy Harrison, P.O. Box 205, Pbiladelphia, MS 39350, or by email at Kbpms@aol.com You may also contact me at 656-0763 and leave a message.

"Thanks for letting me share a few of my memories."

Kathy Harrison

"I attended high school in Hickory, Mississippi, which was only a few miles from ECJC and as a high school senior

I often attended basketball and football games at ECJC. During one of those basketball games I met an ECJC sophomore who invited me to ECJC's 1950 Valentine Sweetheart banquet, which was sponsored by the Baptist Student Union. The dining hall decorations were fabulous, the ECJC band ensemble was in rare form and having an ECJC sophomore for an escort was about as good as it gets. That memorable February evening moved ECJC from near the bottom of my college wish list to the very top and as a result I enrolled in ECJC as a freshman in the fall of 1950. In case you are wondering, the ECJC sophomore graduated and enrolled at Mississippi State University, but often returned to ECJC on weekends. As a result, we got married in December of 1950 and have lived happily ever after."

Phyllis Hatch Harbour

"My favorite memories from ECCC consisted of every story that Mr. Vickers told us in English class and the speeches that Mrs. Lorene Graham told during Mrs. Carroll's class.

"Mrs. Graham gave a speech once on cranking a Model T-little did she know that the 'younger generation' was very impressed with her recollections of past.

"Thanks Mrs. Graham and Mr. Vickers for always keeping us on our toes."

Diane Adkins Rea ('94)
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"I have so many wonderful memories of my two years at East Central that it is impossible for me to choose a single one to highlight. Working as a reporter and then the sports editor of The Tom Tom, under the guidance of Rudolph Mayes, was such a wonderful experience. His freshman English class made us do a better job too.



"Trying to learn a little about Economics with Mr. Simmons was amusing at times. No, Nelson Rockefeller never did become the president.

"History classes under Mr. (later Dr.) Ethridge were so enjoyable. He set such a high standard for my future college teachers.

"Popping in the business office to have a chat with Carol Vickers, Frank Reeves, Denver Brackeen and Clayton Blount is something that could only happen at good ole ECJC.

"Though history was my major, two of my favorite classes were taught by Ovid Vickers. Speech class was funny, nerve wracking, and a much needed experience. Then there was American Literature. One of East Central's own teachers, Lucille Wood, decided to 'take' that class along with a group of us. This class produced no A's that semester, and I was so happy to receive one of the three B's earned. The recipients of the other two were Lucille Wood and Shelby Munn. I wonder if Mr. Vickers and Miss Wood remember that. Of course, I also thoroughly enjoyed P.E. classes and intramural program under Miss Wood. No walk down memory lane would be complete without mentioning Mrs. Prince and Miss Barber. Since I did not go home every weekend as many of our students did it was very nice to get to know and enjoy those 'dorm moms.'

"I know there are other people that I should mention, but space could become an issue. ECJC provided me with not only good memories, but also the academic preparation I needed to be a 'decent' student at MSU. Thanks!"

Mary Elois Lovorn Barrett ('64)
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"After attending ECJC senior day and after graduating from Beulah-

Hubbard High School, I enrolled in the fall of 1953. While my interest in learning had been whetted some at Beulah-Hubbard, my enrollment was without clear educational-occupational objectives.

"Much of the small successes that I was able to attain in time can be attributed to the instruction that I received from some fine ECJC instructors. Some included Ms. Sara Woodward, Mr. Dwayne Thompson, Mr. W.A. Walker, the Reverends Wilmer Clay and John Cook, Mr. F.E. Leatherwood, Mrs. W.W. Newsome, Mr. Bert Evans and Mr. Keith Slothower.

"All the above and others did a fine job of introducing their students to the world of higher education.

"The ECJC experience gave me a good start on the road to the B.S. and M.Ed. degrees and eventually an Ed.D., all of which provided me an educational background for a successful career with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, culminating with my retirement as Dean of Vocational Instruction at the College's Perkinston Campus.

"Many, many times as my career and life in general progressed, my thoughts went back to those enjoyable experiences at ECJC.

"I shall always be grateful."

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"These fond memories were recalled as I visited ECJC about 20 years after I graduated in 1953. As I came through Decatur, the first thing that I noticed was the theater. It was gone and a store had replaced it. I wondered where the students went to the movies As I turned onto the ECJC campus, I noticed that the two women's dorms seemed to be left as is.

"As I turned left on the next street, I knew that it would take me by where I taken physics classes in the building on the right and the next building on the left would be the cafeteria where I had eaten a few delicious meals. I didn't realize at the time how delicious they were! Then to my right would be the football field, but as I looked where the field used to be there was a big building. What happened to the football field?

"Well, I thought to myself, there always has to be progress and something has to go.

"Next, I saw straight ahead was old Winston Hall where I had lived for two years and I remember our house parents to be Coach and Mrs. John Grace. It reminded me of the time when I was hitchhiking home after a Saturday baseball game and a couple picked me up and started to Union. We had an accident a couple miles out of Decatur so I went back to the campus where Mrs. Grace patched up my head that had hit the glass on the car.

"Then I turned left at the stop and went up and turned left on the next street which I knew would take me to the gym and the student center. I noticed that it was not a through street and I had to park. First I opened the door to the gym and looked in. Nothing seems to have changed, so I went next door to the student center.

"I opened that door and walked in. That is when my heart skipped, flipped or something. All I could see was drink and snack machines lining the walls. Then I remembered from 1951-53, how important the student center was to student life. Mrs. Frank Cross was always so polite, kind and willing to help. This was where students met over a Coke and discussed activities of the day, likes and dislikes, love and relationships and also where ping pong champs were made. Laughter, joy, friendship and even love

were always there. Now it seemed so empty and cold.

"As I turned to leave, I could still see the smiling face of Mrs. Cross, which brought to my mind the two years that I spent under her husband's care in chemistry, quan and qual. Seemed like with all of the classes and labs, Dr. Cross and I spent a lot of time together, which I really thought was way too much time but years later realized I should have spent more time!

"As I left and glanced up and across, I could not remember the administration building being as large as it was. Maybe my remembrance has dimmed a little over the years, but not the friendships made in those two short years. I was at the USO club in San Antonio, Texas, in the later part of 1954 and happened to notice a man playing ping pong and by his play and actions I began to realize that this man was the ping pong champ of ECJC class of 1953. In 2002, my wife and I were eating at a restaurant in Starkville. When our name was called for our reservations, a man walked up to me and asked if I was at Decatur in 1953. It so happened that he was a classmate that I had not seen since 1953. We spent a few minutes getting reacquainted.

"All of my memories of college days at ECJC are great and many times over the years I have wondered what happened to so and so. I know many have asked the same question. "Thanks for all the great memories."

William E. "Billy" Donald ('53)



Warrior Linksters Can Claim Two Region Titles

As long as East Central Community College has had a men's golf team, there have been players who were outstanding. Many were even named state medalists. But only two teams can claim a Region 23 Championship.

The 1997 Warrior linksters won five invitational tournaments before claiming the Region 23/Division III title. Joe Clark served as their coach and was named

Division III Coach of the Year.

"They (the 1997 team) were the best group I had," said Clark. "I had other teams that were good, but they were the best. Sammy Pace, who served as Athletic Director at the time, would always ask me how the team looked. I would usually say 'pretty good.' But that year I told him, 'this year we're better than the rest.'"

Not only did they win five invitationals

and the Region tournament they did it with great scores!

"There were five people on the team and you had to count four scores during the tournaments," said Clark. "In all the tournaments we played, we never did count anything 90 or above. And the only tournament we lost that year was to Gulf Coast."

Team members included Brad Sanders

of Carthage, Jason Hailey of Louisville, Josh Quinn of Union, Robert Tranum of Louisville, Jason Driskell of Forest and Ben Myers of Philadelphia.

Tranum was named All-State and joined Driskell on the All-Region team. Both participated in the National Tournament that year.

Jason Hailey was also on the 1998 team and was named Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Golfer of the Year that season. He advanced to the National Tournament and had the lowest average score for the year in the entire MACJC.

The 1996 Warrior Golf team was named MACJC Academic Team of the Year for having the highest grade point average, which was a 3.74 overall.

More recently, the 2003 Warrior linksters claimed the Region 23/Division III title after posting several victories during the season. Coach Tim Coats was also named Coach of the Year.

The ECCC golfers won two other tournaments in 2003, had two second-place finishes and came in third in two events.

Team members included E. J. Bane of Louisville, Philip Dickerson of Union, Jason Sistrunk of Sebastopol, Al Jones of Meridian, Kody Comans of Decatur, Chris Bounds and David Burt, both of Newton; and Jim Dille of Forest.

Dickerson and Comans were named to the All-Region Team and qualified for the NJCAA Golf Tournament.



1997 ECCC Golf Team

Six Warriors Hold Tennis Championship Titles

Lucille Wood, who coached the East Central Community College men and women's tennis teams from 1956 to 1976 said, "I really enjoyed tennis. I really worked harder at tennis than I did basketball."

Wood said she always had a full roster for her tennis teams and that in the early years they had to travel with the baseball team.

"We had the same schedule as the baseball team because we had to

travel when and where they did," Wood said. "Later we began to travel alone and were able to make our own schedule."

Tennis practices started during the fall semester.

"We would begin practicing when school started," Wood said. "Then when it was time for basketball season, we would play basketball. Then we would resume with the tennis schedule in the spring."

Her hard work seemed to pay off as Wood had several participants who won state tennis championships.

Lamar Buntyn was a state champion in 1961 and 1962. Tommy Irby claimed a state crown in 1968.

Among women's champions are Wanda Elliot who won the B Singles Championship in 1968 and Julie Latham who won the B Singles in 1977.

"Neither of those girls had ever

played tennis before they came to East Central," said Wood. "I taught Julie how to play her freshman year and she won the championship her sophomore year after Joe Clark had taken over as coach."

Tommy McCool and Charles McAdory won the A Doubles Championship in 1977 under Clark's leadership.



1939 State Football Champions

1939 Football Warriors Were State Champions

Although the East Central Community College football Warriors have experienced numerous successful seasons the past 75 years, only the 1939 team can claim a state championship.

Coached by the legendary Polie Sullivan and assistant Frank Cross, East Central rolled to a perfect 10-0 record that season, outscoring opponents 243-25 in the process, according to the 1940 WO-HE-LO, the College yearbook.

The "Decatur Lads" (as they were described in the yearbook) posted wins over Moorhead (22-7), Livingston, Ala. (47-0), Wesson (24-0), Poplarville (18-6), Marion Military Institute (27-0), Raymond (20-0), Summit (12-6), Ellisville (6-0), Scooba (48-6) and Little LSU (19-6).

Lamar Blount of Decatur was a standout member of the championship squad, and is recognized as the first East Central athlete to receive All-American honors.

Blount, who came to East Central from Philadelphia High School, played for the Warriors while attending Newton County Agricultural School, which was then a part of the College. He was a high school senior on the 1939 team, where he started at tailback, defensive end and defensive halfback. He said narrow wins over Ellisville and Summit were crucial to winning the state title.

"I remember we scored following a blocked punt in the game with Ellisville, and we had to rally to defeat Summit. The win over Summit was really tough because we had so many players who were injured, including me," Blount stated.

After Summit had taken a 6-0 lead, Blount scored on a running play to tie the contest, then threw a late touchdown pass for the winning margin. Although East Central won the game, the ride home to Decatur was not a pleasant journey, as Blount explained:

"Coach Sullivan was really mad because we almost lost to a team that had not won a game all year. We were fortunate to beat Summit, especially with all the players who were hurt."

The Warriors clinched the state title by defeating Scooba in the season finale. East Central beat "Little LSU" of Monroe, La., for the Southeast Regional championship.

Blount scored 100 points during the 1939 season, after tallying 86 points the previous year as a high school junior! He said the 1938 squad, which was also undefeated, "should have won the state crown" but scoreless ties with Moorhead and Wesson kept the Warriors from winning the championship. The 1938 squad finished 7-0-2.

Members of the 1939 state championship squad were honored on the 50th anniversary of their achievement during homecoming activities in 1989. Team members who attended the reunion and

their residence at the time included Blount; Jack Langford (blocking black), Columbus; Dilton Richmond (end), Baton Rouge, La.; Falco Corrazza (halfback), McKeesport, Pa.; Burris O. Smith (end), Louisville; Albert C. Parkes (right end), Marianna, AR; James White (manager), Meridian; Spurgeon Mason (tackle), Newton; Garland Massey (guard), Meridian; Paul Howe (guard), Union; Roland Loper (guard), Hattiesburg; and Shield Sims (center), Columbus.

Blount was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame during the 1989 Homecoming celebration, in recognition of his accomplishments on the gridiron. In addition to his stellar career at East Central, Blount was a standout at Philadelphia High School, Mississippi State University and Duke University. He played professionally with the Miami Seahawks, Buffalo Bills and Baltimore Colts.



1998 Diamond Warriors Win First Baseball State Championship

Sometimes, it takes more than talent to be a champion. It also takes heart, dedication and determination. The 1998 Diamond Warriors seemed to have it all the day they defeated Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College 15-8 at Scooba for East Central Community College's first State Championship in baseball.

"That was one of the best teams, as far as people accepting their roles and coming together as a team, that I have ever helped coach," said then assistant coach Neal Holliman. "We were a talented team, but people accepting their positions and working together for the good of the team played a big part in that championship."

Holliman served as an assistant from 1997-2000 under the late Jamie Clark who served as head coach from 1987

until his death from a brain tumor July 18, 2001.

In an interview for the 1999 Wo-He-Lo yearbook, Clark said, "We had many heroes in the tournament and during the season—from our regulars who did so well and those who came off the bench and excelled in clutch situations. Our crowd support was outstanding. It was a definite factor in helping us win."

Players from the 1998 team who stand out in Holliman's mind include Ron Perkins of Louisville.

"Ron was a great leader. He was proud to be at East Central and he made others feel that same enthusiasm," Holliman said. "Midway through that year, we were doing okay, but not great. So Ron got the team together for an unscheduled practice

one day. They practiced all on their own. From that day forward, things just started to click."

Pitcher Danny Rushing of Edinburg, who was on the mound when the Warriors played the championship game, also came to mind.

"We played on a Sunday," Holliman said. "After we won the game everyone was celebrating and having a great time. Danny immediately came up to Coach Clark and said, 'I have to go to church. I have to go to church.' That's just the kind of person Danny was."

Holliman said Clark was always trying to teach the team lessons. That year, even the championship game, was no exception.

The Warriors were 31-20 during the season. They had not lost a game during the state tournament coming

into the finals. Gulf Coast had to beat them twice.

"Gulf Coast was very good," said Holliman. "Although they had to beat us twice to win the tournament, we knew that it was possible for them to do that. We needed all the hits we could get."

"Greg Wood (of Decatur) had hit 17 or 18 homeruns that year. We were down 9-5 or something like that. We needed him in the game. As it turns out, he hit a fly ball to left field and didn't run it out like Coach Clark had always taught him to do. After the guy dropped the ball, Greg only got to first base instead of second or third."

"Coach Clark pulled him out of the game because of that play. We won anyway, but the whole time I was thinking, 'What is Coach doing?'"

"After we got to the Region 23 Tournament, the same type play happened, but this time Wood ran the play out and made it to third base when the outfielder dropped the ball. I realized then that you have to stick to your rules no matter which game you are in, even a state championship. Coach Clark did that. He didn't overlook things."

Additional members of the 1998 state championship team included Mott Stewart (manager), Dustin Matthews, Casey Skelton, Rusty Cumberland, Clark Tyson, Bo Grace, Joey Smith, P.J. Pearson, Jesse Vanetten (manager), Brian Hardy, B.J. Morrow, Zach Sanders, Eric Weaver, Jay McClendon, Justin Chaney, Brodie Matthews, Joey Allen, Seth Hebert, Dennis McDill, Scott Stephens, Bo Burkes, Dan Gressett, Jason Willis, Chad Champion, Paul Clearman, Chris Tullos, Michael Hall, Linzy Gressett, and assistant coach Lee Eady.



1998 Diamond Warriors Celebrate A State Championship



Women's Basketball Claims Most State Titles

Lucille Wood has won more state championships at East Central than any other coach in the history of the College. And, as the saying goes, she had to "start from scratch."

The East Central women's basketball team won their first state championship in 1936. Almost two decades later, in 1954, women's basketball was discontinued as an MACJC-sanctioned sport.

Wood graduated from East Central in 1950. She continued her education at the University of Southern Mississippi and taught three years at Copiah-Lincoln Community College before returning to her alma mater to teach physical education, health and recreation.

It was only a few years later when she organized women's club teams at the College. They would travel around the state playing other club teams. In 1970 they won the first organized state championship since the sport was discontinued.

"The game was played at Gulf Coast," said Wood. "We won the junior college tournament and 'the W' (Mississippi University for Women) won the senior college tournament. Then we played 'the W' for the overall title, which we lost."

Team members that year included Wanda Blackwell, Carol Ming, Ginger Swain, Lynda Truesdale, Sandy Donald, Susan Shoemaker (manager), Carolyn Murphy, Gail Cumberland, Amelia Kennedy, Deborah Norwood, Rosalyn Rogers, Debbie Harvey and Marolyn Anderson.

Wood also added that the East Central women won the state volleyball tournament that year. Volleyball team members included Carol Ming, Cindy Corneliue, Debra



1936 State Champions

Norwood, Linda Turesdale, Debbie Harvey, Melinda Stewart, Lucy Young, Wanda Blackwell, Ginger Swain and Joyce Boxx. The College had organized volleyball for three years.

In 1973, the Warriorettes as they were known then, did it again.

"When we won the state championship in 1973, it was played at ECJC and we defeated Holmes in the finals," Wood said.

Team members that year included Annette Duncan, Deborah Shoemaker, Joe Munn, Gail Keller, Rita Gibbon, Billie McCorty, Sylvia Culberson, Sherry Wilcher, Renee Willis and Deborah Luke (manager).

East Central had been a member of the

NJCAA only two years when Wood's 1976 Warriorettes defeated Itawamba for the state title.

"We defeated Itawamba in the finals," Wood said. "ICC was the defending state champions and had not lost a junior college game that whole season until we beat them in the North Division tournament."

Team members on the 1976 team included Jeanette Barnes, Evelyn Bender, Donna Carter, Freda Jo Crotwell, Vicky Cumberland, Barbara Harrison, Cheryl Hicks, Runnie Hill, Julie Latham, Diana Lyons, Debbie Pearson, Linda Quinn, Brenda Haralson (manager), Bonnie Hatcher (manager) and Mike Hatcher (manager).

The College celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1979 and the celebration continued when the East Central women defeated Northwest for the state championship title.

Players included Esther Thomas, Bobbie Collier, Velma Smith, Carla Halley, Faye Russell, Charlene Jones, Jo Lynn Elkins, Cheryl Gibbon, Faye Quinn, Joyce Watkins, Kathy Keeton, Mona Tucker, Irma Johnson, Skippy Latham (manager), and Iris Smith (manager).

In addition to the 1936 championship and Wood's four state titles, the Lady Warriors also claimed two Region 23 championships during the years Sammy Pace (Class of 1968) was head coach.

The 1993-94 team captured the Region 23 tournament and completed the National Tournament as Consolation Bracket Champions and were ranked 7th in the nation.

Team members included Genie Griffin, Maria Riley, LaDonna Robinson, Cynthia Ellis, J.J. Moorehead, Kitty Thrash, Sara Hollingsworth, Carla Leflore, Memory Hunter, Evelyn Nelson, Jamala Odum, Renae Reed, Wilma Cooksey, Dane Vance, Cassandra King, Dana Mouton and Nikki Ross.

Pace's 2000-01 team also captured the Region 23 tournament and advanced to the National Tournament.

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1970 Club Team Champions



1973 State Champions

Basketball --

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Sweet 16.

Members of the 2001 team included Cassandra Jennings, Jessica Sanders, Bernice Hannah, Pendashala McClendon, Sophia

Reed, Lori Cumberland, La'Shonda Ford, Margo Porter, Nicole Cox, Tiffany Chancellor (manager), Danelle Hudson (manager), Nikki Lacour, Alberta Norman, Sasha Lilly, Johnita Conrad, Anna Udicova, Trelisa Eichelberger, LeAnn Pittman (manager) and

Brittany Boney (manager).

Pace retired following the 2001 season. Wood continues to serve as physical education, health and recreation instructor and also serves as chairperson of the Department of Social Science, Business and Education.

She continues to be a supporter of East Central athletes.

East Central Sports Championships 1928-2003

Year-Sport-Title

2002-03-Golf-Division III, Region 23 Champions
2000-01-Basketball-Region 23 Champions, National Tournament Sweet 16
1998-99-Baseball Division Champions
1997-98-Baseball-State Champions
1996-97-Football-HuddleHouse Golden Isles Bowl Classic Champions, NJCAA 5th in Nation
1996-97-Golf-Region 23 Division III Tournament Champions
1996-97-Baseball-State Runners-Up
1995-96-Women's Basketball-South State Tournament Champions, Division Champions
1994-95-Women's Basketball-South State Tournament Champions, Division Champions
1994-95-Baseball-ECCC/Rush Sports Medicine Tournament Champions

1993-94-Women's Softball-Division Champions
1993-94-Women's Basketball-NJCAA Consolation Bracket Champions, Region 23 Tournament Champions, Ranked 7th in the Nation
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1978-79-Women's Basketball-State Champions, South State Division Champions
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1970-71-Football-Division Champs
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1967-68-Women's Basketball-ECJC Tournament Champions
1965-66-Men's Basketball-Decatur Jaycees Champions, Holmes Invitational Champs
1964-65-Men's Basketball-Itawamba Holiday Tournament Champions
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1954-54-Men's Basketball-Finished 4th in NJCAA Tournament, Region 7 Champions, Lions Bowl Champions
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1949-50-Football-Lions Bowl Champions, Tobacco Bowl Champions
1939-40-Football-State Champions
1935-36-Women's Basketball-State Champions
1930-31-Men's Basketball-State Champions



Brackeen, Sessums Lead Warriors To 1953 State Title

Many followers of Warrior athletics recognize the 1952-53 Warrior basketball team as the best squad in school history. And it's easy to understand why.

The Warriors lost only one game during season action — to Goodman (Holmes Community College) — en route to the team's first state title since 1931. Ironically, East Central defeated that same Goodman team to win the state championship. The Warriors also captured the Lions Bowl tournament, the Region 7 championship and finished fourth in the NJCAA Tournament in Hutchison, Kansas.

Two of the main reasons for the Warriors' success was the scoring abilities of Denver Brackeen, who came to East Central following a stellar career at Hickory High School, and the late Howard Sessums, a former standout at Harperville High School. Both received All-American honors following their championship season. Brackeen was also selected NJCAA Player of the Year following his performance in the national tourna-

ment. Brackeen scored 134 points during the four games played by East Central and set an individual scoring record with 53 points, of which 24 were field goals, also a record.

Brackeen, who lives near Union, said his success was due to his teammates.

"We had a good group of guys who were very good athletes. And we worked well together. There were no selfish players on this team. No one minded passing the ball to whoever was open for a shot. We really had great chemistry as a team," Brackeen recalled.

Brackeen noted there were several highlights during the season — the 75-65 win over Goodman for the state title, the 87-65 thrashing of Booneville to capture the Region 7 Tournament, and of course, the scoring barrage he posted in the NJCAA tournament. But what really "stood out" to Brackeen, were the antics of teammate Bill "Yank" Livengood.

"When we had a big lead near the end of a game,"

Brackeen explained, "Yank would put on a dribbling act that would make the Harlem Globetrotters proud. No one could take the ball away from him, and he would simply run out the clock and preserve an easy victory!"

In addition to Brackeen, Sessums and Livengood, other team members were Herman Robinson, Jack Smith, Edgar Castle, Bob Lassetter, John Reagan, J. P. Hurst and Charlie Thrash. Arno Vincent, who later became the College's third president, was head coach.



1953 State, Region VII Champions

1930-31 Warrior Basketball Team Claims College's First State Title

The 1930-31 Warrior basketball team recorded the College's first state championship.

Team members were Clois Caldwell, Jack Madden, J. D. Harris, Bart Harrington, Orville Mayson, Paul Bullard, Jeff Loper (captain), Frank Davis, Jack Tucker, Ormond Pearson (manager), and R. H. "Dick" Baxter (coach).



1992-93 Warrior Basketball Team Wins State Title On Coleman's Last-Second Goal

It may not have been the "shot heard 'round the world," but Anthony Coleman's baseline jumper from the left corner with one second remaining in overtime was definitely a shot heard through the annals of Warrior athletics.

Coleman's buzzer-beater gave East Central Community College an 87-85 decision over home standing Gulf Coast Community College, and more importantly provided the Warrior basketball team with its first state championship in 40 years!

Marty Cooper was completing his second year as Warrior coach when his 1992-93 squad captured the state title en route to a 24-8 record. Cooper, who left ECCC in 1998 to take over the men's basketball program at Itawamba Community College where he remains today, said the 1992-93 Warriors were a "special group."

"After 12 years in this league, I always

compare my current team to that state championship team, and no team ever measures up when you look at all the intangibles," Cooper stated.

Several players, in addition to Coleman, who hailed from Toxey, Alabama, had standout performances in the state contest.

Stacy Miller, Coleman's high school teammate, made a shot at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime. All-American Marcus Mann of Walnut Grove had 29 points and 12 rebounds.

Although those three individuals were keys to the Warriors' success, Cooper said there are "two things" he remembers most about the title game:

"First, that we got behind 19-2 to start the game. I called timeout and after looking in the eyes of each player, I just had a feeling we could come back. By halftime we cut the lead to 38-30, and when we left the locker room

we were very confident! Gulf Coast had a great team and we played the title game on their home court. They later won the Region tournament and finished sixth in the national tournament.

"The second thing I remember is what a total team effort it was. We had kids like Michael Holbert (Morton), Anthony Huddleston (Union) and Stanley Ford (Louisville) who came off the bench and gave us a big lift. Our guards — Harold Scott (Memphis), Matt Riley (Walnut Grove), Eric Morgan (Carthage) and Michael Coats (Louisville) played great and were often overlooked because of Marcus."

"The other part of the team effort," Cooper continued, "was our coaching staff. Jennifer (Marty's wife), suggested a great adjustment in our zone offense late in the game, which helped get Harold Scott open for two big three-point shots, and assistant Chris

Croft (Louisville) always did a good job keeping everyone calm."

He added, "That team had such a special chemistry on and off the court. As I look back, I think of what a great team player Cedric Sledge (Philadelphia) was and that our entire team was a reflection of him. Each member always put the team ahead of individual goals. Clay Ward (Louisville) is one such player. Clay did not play much but came to practice everyday and made the starters work hard, and helped to keep the 'bench' in the game."

Other members of the championship squad were Markee Sanders of Edinburg, Undrie Thomas of Forest, student trainer Terry Burkes of Walnut Grove and manager Keith Thrash of Philadelphia.



Members of the 1992-93 Warrior basketball team celebrate following their victory over Gulf Coast for the state championship



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Behind the Footlights:

A Brief History of Theater at East Central

A line in the play "Brief Music" says, "Why can't all of life be like the opening act of a play, with house lights dimming, the curtain going up, a hush in the house, and a pounding in every heart."

During the first 17 years that East Central Junior College was in operation, there was no organized drama group on the campus, and only two plays by college students were presented. (It should be understood that during this time the Newton County Agricultural High School was a part of the college. The high school had the larger enrollment, and high school students presented a senior play each year.)

In 1930, a play titled "Pink and Patches" was presented by college students on the stage of the high school auditorium located on the third floor of Newton Hall, the classroom building shared by the college and the high school.

In 1939 a production of "Smiling Through" was presented by the college on a stage built into the north end of the college gymnasium which had been constructed in 1930.

Both of these plays were directed by Mrs. Stella Newsome who organized a drama club on the campus in 1945 which continues to function today as the East Central Community College Players. Since the 1945-46 college year when Mrs. Newsome directed "Lavender and Old Lace" and "All Through the Night," it has been traditional to present a dramatic production on the East Central campus each semester.

In 1946 Miss May Robinson from Gallatin, Tennessee, was employed by the college to teach English. A part of her assignment was directing two plays each year. In 1947, Miss Robinson joined forces with Mrs. Carrie Lee Madden of the music department to present the first musical to be staged at

East Central. "The Belle of Barcelona," complete with a stage set and colorful Spanish costumes, filled the stage in the gymnasium. Harold Murphy of Union and Edna Ruth Prince of Newton sang the leads, and the show was enthusiastically received.

In 1948 H. Keith Slothour joined the East Central faculty as a speech instructor and director of drama. During his tenure at East Central, he directed 10 plays including the Greek drama "Antigone" and Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie." All of his productions, including "Elizabeth the Queen," were presented in the old high school auditorium until the completion of Huff Auditorium in 1953. Huff Auditorium which will seat 1001 was constructed with dressing rooms and toilets to the left and right of the stage. Although space for flying stage sets above the stage is in place, equipment for doing so has never been installed.

Before Slothour left East Central in 1953 to become a member of the drama department at Erskin College in South Carolina, he presented two innovative productions. His

students staged the first Shakespearian play ever presented at East Central. The play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," was acted outdoors on the front campus under a large oak tree. The audience sat in folding chairs.

In 1952 he directed a theater in the round production of "The Robe" which was presented in the conference room above the student center.

In 1954 an East Central graduate, Edna Hollingsworth, began a two-year stint as director of drama at East Central. Among the plays she directed was the Thornton Wilder classic "Our Town."

Sara Owens directed plays for the 1955-56 season. She chose "The Youngest" and "Good Housekeeping" for presentation.

In 1956 Ovid Vickers, who had joined the faculty in 1955 as an English and speech instructor, directed "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Vickers would direct plays for the next ten years with a one-year interruption in 1964-65 when

he returned to college to complete a Specialist in Education Degree.

Vickers directed 20 plays and one musical. In 1956, Robert G. Fick who headed the music department decided to present the musical "Singing Billy" by Charles Byran. Vickers directed the production and Fick supervised the music. This was the second musical presented at East Central.

Vickers directed such popular plays as "The Diary of Ann Frank," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," and "Bus Stop." Jim Wilkerson, Durwood Shirley, Hilda Adair and Ann Moore, along with numerous others, were very active members of the ECJC Players and appeared in several plays during their two years at East Central.

When Vickers took a leave of absence in 1964, Melitus Drane, a recent graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, directed an outstanding production of "Dark of the Moon." Her production of Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" also gained her students accolades for their work.

In 1969, Ovid Vickers gave up directing plays to become a full time English instructor. His replacement as director of theater was a young man from Waukegan, Illinois named Bruce Peterson. Peterson would teach speech and direct plays at East Central for the next 23 years.

During the Peterson years, it became traditional to present a Broadway musical and a dinner theater production each year. In 1970, the musical "Oklahoma" was undertaken as a joint project of the Speech, Music, and Art Departments. The show ran for four nights to a sold-out audience. It was the first musical presented on the stage of the 212-seat auditorium in the Fine Arts Building which had been completed in

1969.

Nineteen musicals, running the gamut of what Broadway had to offer from "Carousel" to "Camelot," were directed by Peterson. Dinner theater



South Pacific, 1988



Hello Dolly, 1973

productions were staged as "theater in the round" in the College cafeteria. Bruce Peterson was an energetic and dedicated director who made a great effort to encourage students to participate in dramatic productions. With the help of Tom Carson, Marian Thornton and Leesa Lee Wilkinson of the Music Department, musicals became a much anticipated event during each college year.

In 1990, an Oklahoma native, Judy Carroll, began a seven-year tenure as director of Theater at East Central. Miss Carroll was a gifted individual who demanded the best her students had to offer and at the same time applauded their accomplishments and led them to an appreciation of good theater. Among the outstanding and well-remembered productions directed by Carroll were the sparkling "1940's Radio Hour" and a memorable "Oliver" in which 10 or 12 local elementary school students participated along with an accomplished college student cast.

Lila Hunt taught speech and directed plays at East Central from 1997 to 2000. Her dinner theater production of "Harvey" was especially well done, and the last musical she

directed, "Anything Goes," was done on the Fine Arts stage complete with full set, capable singers and actors, and spirited dance numbers.

In the year 2000, Regina Rigby, a student of Bruce Peterson, began directing plays for the college. Along with Juanita West, who handled the technical aspects of the last seven productions, Rigby has presented a rousing "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" and a well directed "Crimes of the Heart" by Mississippi writer

Beth Henley.

Over the years, students at East Central have performed in 37 musicals, 63 three-act plays, and 46 one-act plays. Within a few days announcements will be made concerning the drama productions for the 2003-2004 college year. The East Central Community College Players and their

directors have always taken pride in their efforts and have consistently brought good theatrical productions to the college and to the community.



Oklahoma, 1970



ECCC Welcomes New Personnel For 2003-04



WAYNE EASON

A new dean of vocational-technical instruction is among new personnel being welcomed for the 2003-04 term at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Wayne Eason of Meridian began his duties as vo-tech dean on July 1, 2003.

Eason previously served as director of the Ross Collins Career and Technical Center in Meridian, a post he had held since 1998. He served the previous 10 years as the Center's assistant director.

He is also a former diversified technology instructor at Millsaps Vocational Center in Starkville. In addition, his experience includes serving as associate principal and industrial arts instructor at Henderson Junior High School in Starkville.

He serves as treasurer of the Mississippi Educational Computing Association and is past treasurer of the Mississippi Association of Secondary Vocational Directors. He is also a member of the MathFirst in Schools-to-Careers Task Force. He is a past president of the Mississippi State University Industrial Education Association and previously served as treasurer of the MSU College of Education Alumni Association.

A graduate of Forest Hill High School, Eason holds a bachelor's degree in industrial arts education and a master's degree in vocational education, both from Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Tammy Chance of Jackson and they have three children, Amanda, Dee and Rob.



LEN BOBO

After serving as the College's concert choir director for 2002-03, Len Bobo of Brandon is the College's new music keyboard instructor.

In addition to his teaching duties at East Central, Bobo serves as adjunct professor of organ and college organist at Millsaps College in Jackson. He is also director of music and organist at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Jackson. He previously served as associate director of music and organist at First Presbyterian Church in Pine Bluff, Ark., and held the same title at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Ark. In all, he has more than 30 years experience serving as director of music/organist and associate director of music/organist for various churches in Arkansas and Mississippi.

Bobo is also a former visiting professor at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. In addition, he has held teaching positions at Hendrix College, also located in Conway, and at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he began his teaching career in 1975. He also has teaching experience on the community college level, having taught at Garland County Community College in Hot Springs, Ark. In all, he has more than 24 years of adjunct teaching experience in var-

ious university and community college environments.

Among honors received include his selection as Distinguished Alumnus by the music faculty at Mississippi College. He has also been named to Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Entertainment and Who's Who in American Music. He is also a past recipient of the Arkansas Federation of Music Club's Arkansas Church Musician of the Year award.

Bobo has four published compositions to his credit and has completed numerous commissioned compositions for various choral groups.

He is a graduate of Warren Central High School, Hinds Junior College, Mississippi College, where he received a bachelor's degree in music; and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he received a master's degree in music. He has completed additional studies at UT.

He is married to the former Pamela Jean Moore and they have two daughters, Celeste and Brittany.



DEBBIE BOYD

Debbie Boyd of Meridian is a new member of the English faculty.

Boyd is a former English instructor at Meridian High School, where she also served as English department vertical chairperson. She has 22 years teaching experience on the secondary level, all with the Meridian Public School System. In addition, she is a former adjunct English instructor at

the Meridian branch of Mississippi State University.

She is a member of Midway Baptist Church in Meridian, where she serves as Sunday school teacher and Adult Choir member.

A graduate of North Pike High School in Summit, Boyd earned an associate of arts degree from Southwest Mississippi Community College, a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, and both a master of arts and an educational specialist degree from Mississippi State University.

She is married to Dock Boyd who is a funeral director at Barham Funeral Home in Meridian.



REGINA BOYKIN

Regina Boykin of Conehatta serves as a technology management assistant.

Boykin was previously employed as office clerk at East Central Mississippi Health Care in Sebastopol. She is also a former network control technician for World Com/SkyTel, and earlier served as a computer specialist at Maxim Manufacturing Corporation in Sebastopol. She began her career as an inventory clerk at Easom Hardware in Sebastopol.

A graduate of Sebastopol High School, Boykin received a computer technology certificate from the Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center and earned an asso-



ciate degree of applied science in computer programming at ECCC.

She is married to James Boykin and they have an infant son, Wesly.



LACOLE BROOKS

Lacle Brooks of San Marcos, Texas, begins her first season as assistant coach for the Lady Warrior basketball team.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Brooks served as executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of San Marcos.

She is also a former recruiting coordinator and top assistant for the women's basketball program at Texas State University, located in San Marcos.

During her five-year tenure at TSU (previously known as Southwest Texas State University), she was responsible for working with perimeter and post players; recruiting; scheduling games; and serving as director of community service, academic monitor, and promoting and marketing liaison.

Texas State advanced to the Southland Conference Tournament during each of the five years Brooks served as an assistant coach. The team she helped build won the 2003 conference tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

At TSU, Brooks recruited and coached 10 All-Conference players, including two team members who earned "Freshman of the Year" and "Player of the Year" honors. Her second recruiting class at TSU was ranked in the top 50 in the country. As academic monitor, Brooks was instrumental in improving her players' grade point averages, which reached

3.0 when she left the school in 2002.

Brooks is also a former head coach at Monterey (Calif.) Peninsula Junior College, where she served for one season. Prior to coaching the Lady Lobos, she served on the staffs at two Pac-10 schools in Oregon State University and the University of California-Berkeley.

She also has experience coaching on the high school level, having served as head mentor at her alma mater, Berkeley High School, and at South Albany High School in Albany, Oregon.

Brooks holds bachelor degrees in sociology and liberal studies from Oregon State University. She has also completed graduate studies in recreation and sports administration at St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif.



KELLY CLUFF

Kelly Cluff of Hickory is the College's new computer network support technology instructor.

Cluff, a native of Vietnam, is co-owner of ITG Consulting in Meridian and serves as account executive for Cross-Walk, a Christian newspaper. He is also a member of the Marine Corps Reserves.

He is a former information technology manager for Ideal Software Systems in Meridian. He also has experience as an analyst programmer III for the Department of Administration, Division of Administrative Services, for the State of Alaska. He previously served as a microcomputer network technician II in the Data Processing Department for Alaska's Department of Corrections. In addition, he is a former information system technician II for

United Parcel Services.

Cluff is a member of Central United Methodist Church in Meridian, where he is a Sunday school teacher. He serves as secretary/treasurer of the Newton County Elementary School PTO and is a member of the Newton Rotary Club.

He received an associate in arts degree in business administration from ECCC, and holds an associate in science degree in computer office administration and programming from the Alaska Computer Institute.

He is married to Carla Jacome-Cluff and they have two daughters, Emily Jacome-Cluff and Katherine Jacome-Cluff.



SCOTT HILL

Scott Hill of Philadelphia begins his first season as coach of the Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team. He also serves as director of intramurals.

Hill previously coached at Philadelphia High School, where he led the baseball and slow-pitch softball programs for a combined 15 years. None of his teams experienced a losing record.

Philadelphia advanced to the state baseball playoffs during seven of Hill's 10 years at the helm, compiling an overall record of 193 wins and 98 losses. His most successful season was in 1999, when the Diamond Tornados finished 29-13 and were the State Class 2A runners-up.

Hill's slow-pitch softball teams posted an overall 87-45 mark during his five-year tenure, which included a state championship in 2000. The 2000 squad ended season action with a 32-10 record.

He also led the cross-country and soccer programs at Philadelphia and was an assistant football coach. In addition, he served as physical education and social studies instructor.

Prior to joining the staff at Philadelphia, Hill was a teacher/coach in the Meridian Public School System.

He is a graduate of Forest High School, ECCC and Mississippi State University, where he received bachelor and master's degrees in physical education.

He is married to the former Melisa Polk of Brandon and they have two sons, Joel and Lee.



DR. CHRIS JENKINS

Dr. Chris Jenkins of Meridian is the College's new vocal music instructor. He will also direct the concert choir.

In addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Jenkins serves as organist and choirmaster at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Meridian. He is a former choir director and organist at Christ Episcopal Church in Mobile, Ala., and previously served as organist at First Baptist Church in New Orleans. In addition, he is a former minister of music at Riverside Baptist Church in River Ridge, La., and earlier served as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church in Gautier. He is also a former minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church in Macon.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Dr. Jenkins served as music instructor at Meridian Community College. He is also a former assistant professor of music at the University of Mobile in Ala., and previously served as adjunct professor of music at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. His



teaching experience also includes stints at Marion Park Elementary School in Meridian and at East Rankin Academy in Pelahatchie.

Dr. Jenkins is past president of the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Conference, and previously served on the Board of Directors for the Grand Opera House of Mississippi in Meridian. He was a featured performer on the St. Paul's of Meridian Chamber series.

A graduate of Meridian High School, Dr. Jenkins received a bachelor's degree in education from Mississippi College, a master of education from the University of Southern Mississippi, and both the master of music applied organ and doctor of musical arts music education from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has a son, Brady, a high school senior.



BARRY MASON

Barry Mason of Union was recently selected EMT-Paramedic instructor.

Mason also serves as a paramedic with Emergystat, Inc., and Neshoba County Emergency Medical Services. He previously served as a radiology assistant at Lackey Memorial Hospital in Forest. He has more than 10 years experience in the health-related field.

In addition, Mason is a former adjunct instructor for ECCC in the EMT-Basic program.

A graduate of Tylertown High School, Mason attended ECCC and holds the associate of arts degree from Northwest Mississippi Community College and the associate of applied science degree in paramedicine from Jones County Junior College.

He is married to the former Mellisa Woods of Philadelphia. They have three sons, Matthew, Cody and Lee Harrison, and a daughter, Morgan.



ORA MAE McADORY

Ora Mae McAdory of Louisville begins her first year as supervisor for Jackson Hall, a dormitory for female students.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, McAdory was employed as dietary manager at the Winston Medical Center, a position she had held since 1976. She also has experience working for local industries.

McAdory attended Louisville High School and received certification in dietary management from the Dietary Managers Association of Chicago, Illinois, and from North Dakota University.

She was married to the late Charles (Sam) Davis McAdory, and they had three sons, Charles Davis McAdory, Jr. of Pontotoc, and Paul Davis McAdory and Jim Davis McAdory, who reside in Louisville, and six grandchildren.



KAY McLEOD

Kay McLeod of Philadelphia was recently selected to the new position of

Dislocated Worker Program Coordinator at the College. She will also serve as program coordinator for Holmes Community College and Meridian Community College.

McLeod has more than 20 years experience in the field of education. She most recently served as a classroom teacher for the Choctaw Tribal Schools in Philadelphia. She is also a former instructor at Leakesville Elementary School, Greene County Schools and Mobile (Ala.) County Schools. She also served Greene County Schools as curriculum coordinator and migrant teacher. Her experience also includes serving as adult basic education instructor at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

A graduate of Leakesville High School, McLeod received an associate in arts degree from Jones County Junior College, a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a master of education degree in elementary education and a specialist degree in elementary education, both from William Carey College. She also received certification in educational administration from William Carey.

McLeod is a member of New Zion United Pentecostal Church, where she serves as Sunday school teacher.

She is married to Roger McLeod and they have two children, Kelvin McLeod and Djoni McLeod.



CYNTHIA ODOM

Cynthia Odom of Collinsville is one of two new instructors for the College's Associate Degree Nursing program.

Odom also serves as a nurse/mid-

wife at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian.

She has extensive OB/GYN experience at Rush Hospital and at Wayne General Hospital in Waynesboro, accumulating more than 12 years of service.

She also has teaching experience as a clinical instructor for ECCC's ADN program.

A graduate of Waynesboro Central High School, Odom holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi and has a master of science degree in nursing from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She received a certificate in nurse-midwifery from the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing in Hyden, Kentucky.

Odom is a member of First Baptist Church of Collinsville.

She is married to Bobby Odom and they have six daughters, Kisha, Celeste, Katie, Abbie, Maddie and Anna-Beth.



CHRISTY SAVELL

Christy Savell of Decatur also joins the ADN faculty.

Savell previously served as a licensed practical nursing instructor at Meridian Community College. She was earlier employed at health-care facilities in Jackson, Meridian and Union.

She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, Phi Kappa Phi, the Mississippi Nurses Association and Oakland Baptist Church.

Savell is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard Attendance Center, Meridian Community College, where she received an associate in arts degree in



nursing, and the Meridian branch of the University of Southern Mississippi, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in nursing from USM.

She is married to David Savell, who is also an ECCC alumnus. They have a son, Cody McMahan, and a daughter, Sydni, both students at Newton County Elementary School.



LYNN SELMAN

After serving this past year as interim Special Populations Mathematics instructor, Lynn Selman of Decatur was selected to officially fill the position.

Selman is a former math instructor at Petal High School, where she served as a sponsor of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students who excel in mathematics.

A graduate of Columbia Academy, Selman holds bachelor and master's degrees in mathematics from William Carey College, where she served three years as a student government officer. She achieved a 3.9 grade point average on the undergraduate level and maintained a 4.0 GPA while earning her master's degree. She was also the recipient of the Phi Delta Kappa Outstanding Student Teacher Award for 1996.

She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

She is married to Shaun Selman, who serves as minister of youth and education at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur. They have a daughter, Kiersten.



STACY SIZEMORE

Stacy Sizemore returns to the Warrior staff as an assistant football coach. He serves as special teams coordinator, linebackers' coach and strength coach.

Sizemore previously served as defensive coordinator, personal fitness instructor, and strength and conditioning coach at American Heritage School in Plantation, Florida.

He is also a former assistant at ECCC, serving as wide receivers and tight ends coach during the 1995-96 College term. In addition, he is a former assistant at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and previously served on the football coaching staff at Northeast High School in Oakland Park, Florida. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Sizemore is a graduate of Vicksburg High School, Hinds Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi.

where he received a bachelor's degree in physical education with a minor in coaching and administration.

He is married to the former Mareta Iosia of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and they have three children, Santana, Sloan and Sione.



BILL WILSON

Bill Wilson of Decatur joins the ECCC vocational-technical faculty as heating and air conditioning technology instructor.

Wilson was previously employed as a service technician at NAPA Massey, Inc. in Decatur. He is also a former

service technician at Decatur Electric Store.

A graduate of Newton County High School, Wilson received associate in applied science degrees in precision machining technology and heating and air conditioning technology, both from ECCC.

Wilson received various honors while a student at ECCC, including winning first-place honors in the major appliance repair at the Mississippi Skills USA/ VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) contest, and represented the College at the national competition in Kansas City, Missouri. Wilson was recognized as the top student in his heating and air conditioning class.

He is married to the former Pamela Kay Germany of Union, who is also an ECCC graduate. They have two children, Jordan and Chase.



La-Z-Boy Receives 'Friend of Education' Award

La-Z-Boy South in Newton was presented a Friend of Education Award at the 2003 Summer Adult Education Conference, sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Adult and Community Education, and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Chris Harris (second from left), human resource manager at La-Z-Boy, is shown accepting the award from Alvin Hogan, MAACE president-elect. Also representing La-Z-Boy are Stephanie Davenport (third from left), materials manager; Dan Breeding, vice president; and Vonciel McCarty, quality manager. La-Z-Boy received the award in recognition of its longtime support of East Central Community College and MAACE. The company has also partnered with ECCC to offer various training programs for the working population. The Conference was held at the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, MS.



ECCC's GED Graduates Ready to 'Take Off' and Begin 'New Lives'

Nicole Odom of Forest said there were times in high school when she could no longer cope with peer pressure. Her grades began to fail and she found herself in an impossible situation. Realizing that she would be classified as a freshman at the age of 17, she was ready to quit school.

Life seemed hopeless for Odom, until her grandmother (Rose Mary Montgomery) told her about the GED (General Education Development) Program offered by East Central Community College.

Odom enrolled in the program in August 2002, and through "a lot of hard work" she successfully completed requirements for her high school equivalency diploma in January. She officially received her diploma at ECCC's annual GED Graduation Ceremony held in June.

Odom, now 18, was among four graduates from the 31 members of the Class of 2003 who provided testimonials during the commencement exercises.

She told the packed crowd in Huff Auditorium that completing the GED is a major accomplishment in her life.

"I now have a good job and I feel better about myself because I did not give up. I finished what I started. I want to thank EC for providing a program like this for us. I also want to thank my family, especially my mother (Charlene Odom) and my grandparents (Charlie and Rose Mary Montgomery) for their encouragement and support," Odom stated.

She also praised her teachers, Carmel Carlisle and Modine Cross.

"Ms. Carlisle was always there to encourage me and keep me going until I got my GED. Ms. Cross was always there to help us with those difficult math problems in algebra and geometry," she said.

Odom further commented that she and her GED classmates are now ready to "take off" to new heights. She compared the accomplishment to the experiences of her late grandfather, Clyde Odom of Oklahoma City, who was an airline pilot.

"My grandfather told me that a pilot has to know everything about an airplane before taking off, and that it takes many hours of work to prepare for that take off. We, as GED graduates — now have the knowledge it takes to take off for a new life and land successfully," she said.

Odom also spoke of her other grandfather, Charlie Montgomery of Forest, who attended the ceremony. Montgomery, now retired from the Air

Force, was with Air Rescue and was a member of the launch site recovery force for the Apollo 7 through 14 missions at Cape Kennedy Air Force Station in Cape Kennedy, Florida. Odom said her grandfather stressed the importance rescuers placed on planning their strategy in retrieving the astronauts in case of a failed mission. She compared the situation to earning the GED.

"We as students need to plan our strategy for success just as carefully because it will determine what happens to our goals, our life and our future. Getting a GED required a clearly defined strategy and a disciplined life style. My goal now is to attend EC in the fall. Although at times

there may be obstacles in college, I'm reminded of a graduation speech made by one of the greatest leaders of England during World War II. Winston Churchill basically told his classmates to never give in, and never, never, never, never quit," she said.

Odom concluded her remarks by stating, "It is now time for us, the Class of 2003, to make a new beginning in life. Tonight we take off..."

Also providing testimonials were J. J. Graham of Decatur, Frances Watkins of Conehatta and Gloria Wylie of Louisville.

Graham, 17, completed requirements for the GED last fall. She is currently attending classes at ECCC, majoring in pre-physical therapy. She said earning the GED "helped me realize that I could achieve anything I worked for."

She continued, "I want to especially thank God for showing me that I could achieve one of my goals. I want to thank my family and friends for



Members of the 2003 GED Graduating Class include (first row, from left) Kathryn Barnes, Cartbage; Amanda Belk, Union; Alfonso Brimlett, Decatur; Ashley Clark, Union; James Creel, Pulaski; Patricia Day, Philadelphia; Crystal Frazier, Conehatta; and Eddie Lee Epting, Morton; (second row, from left) Brian Hall, Newton; Katherine Harrell, Louisville; Sarah Hickox and J.J. Graham, both of Decatur; Cathy Hall, Forest; and Lois Jones, Morton; (third row, from left) Stephanie Longmire, Decatur; Bettina Lovell, Walnut Grove; Regina McMurry, Cartbage; Mary Merritt, Decatur; Valerie Nowell, Philadelphia; and Clarissa Parker, Union; (fourth row, from left) Giles Perry, Louisville; Nicole Odom, Forest; Jamie Pope, Philadelphia; Elizabeth Prewitt, Louisville; Bobbie Nell Sanders, Forest; and Alisba Steve and Elizabeth Storey, both of Philadelphia; and (fifth row, from left) Brandy Swindle, Noxapater; Amanda Tolbert, Louisville; Frances Watkins, Conehatta; Gloria Wylie, Louisville; Alisba Lewis, Forest; and Nita Thompson, Pelabatchie.



believing in me and pushing me to do my best. I would also like to give a special thanks to Mr. (Ed) McGowan for helping me, motivating me, keeping me wanting to learn more and especially keeping me wanting to come to class. Mr. McGowan always had a way of making my day better."

During her remarks, Watkins, 57, said earning the GED "was well worth the time and effort that it took to reach this milestone in my life."

Watkins, who dropped out of high school more than 30 years ago, said she "never lost hope" of fulfilling her dream of getting an education.

She continued, "This dream has really come alive. I thank God for the love and determination that he has given me. I would like to thank Mrs. (Lorene) Graham, Mr. (Ed) McGowan and Mr. (Bryan) Burt for their support, guidance and love. I also want to thank my family, friends and church members who also stood beside me. Remember, the race is not given to the swiftest, but to the one who endures to the end."

Wylie, a 52-year-old cosmetologist, dropped out of high school 35 years ago to get married.

"You are probably wondering why someone with a good-paying job would go through such an ordeal (as earning the GED). When I dropped out of high school, I did not think that education was that important. But education is important, and that's the reason I went back to school to get my GED. There has always been a void in my life because I did not have a high school education, but I never had the motivation to get it until January of this year. As I mentioned earlier, I'm a cosmetologist. I got the idea that I wanted to get my license in another state. Well, I needed a GED certificate or diploma to get a license in another state. That was my motivation," she remarked.

Watkins said she received a lot of help while studying for the GED test, especially from her customers.

"While I was doing their hair, we would be solving algebra problems,

working on fractions, or whatever. My goal was to complete the GED in one month, and customers and friends kept telling me I could do it and I did," she said.

She concluded her remarks urging those who do not have a high school diploma to get their GED.

"The GED Program can open doors that otherwise could not be open. You cannot change your past but you can change your future. It does not matter how old you are. I am a grandmother. So there are no excuses," she stated.

Jimmy Dempsey, chief GED examiner and retired ECCC vo-tech counselor, was guest speaker.

He congratulated the graduates and briefly discussed three topics each graduate likely faces in life: adversity, opportunity and success.

"You've overcome adversity and taken advantage of an opportunity to better yourselves through education. You achieved the goal you set, and that is to receive your GED. You are now enjoying a degree of success but let's keep going. Set your goal a little higher. And remember that enthusiasm is the most important ingredient to success. You've been enthusiastic or you would not have been here tonight. I'm also enthusiastic about your accomplishment, and wish you the best of luck as you continue your education," Dempsey said.

For more information regarding the College's Adult Basic Education/GED Program, contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 298.

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ECCC Instructors at NISOD Conference

East Central Community College instructors Gerald Jordan (left) and Linda Baucum Pierce are pictured at the 2003 NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) Excellence Awards ceremony held last spring at the University of Texas at Austin. The annual program recognizes the nation's outstanding community and junior college instructors. Jordan, the College's welding instructor, was selected the College's Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year for 2002. Pierce, who teaches English and serves as Division Chair, was chosen Academic Instructor of the Year. They were recognized along with recipients of other Alumni Association honors during the College's 2002 Homecoming celebration.



Copeland Recognized For Service

Prentice Copeland (right) of Philadelphia, who serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at East Central Community College in Decatur, was recognized for his 35 years of service as a Board member at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees held earlier this summer in Biloxi. Copeland, shown receiving a plaque of appreciation from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, is serving his fourth two-year term as Board Chairman.



ECCC Scholarship Recipients, Donors Recognized at Annual Awards Luncheon

Endowed and annual scholarships were presented to 52 students at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held on May 22 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

This year's program was sponsored by BellSouth, which provided ECCC with a \$10,000 grant earlier in the year. The contribution was part of BellSouth's \$150,000 statewide grant initiative involving the state's 15 community and junior colleges.

The scholarships, which are provided by alumni and friends of the College, play a vital role in providing financial assistance to ECCC students.

"Endowed and annual scholarships are a very important part of our mission at East Central," said Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services. "The generosity of our alumni and friends helps us recruit the top students in our district. Many times these scholarships are the deciding factor on whether a student attends ECCC or not. In addition, these scholarships are great rewards to students who have worked very hard in their studies and extracurricular activities."

Scholarship recipients and donors are listed below.

Scholarship **Recipient, High School/Hometown**

Alumni Association Donald Justin Ingram, Carthage
Warrior Golf Classic Amber King, Neshoba Central
Pat Burke, Newton County
Alex Fisher, Sebastopol
Ryan Hudson, Louisville

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LA-Z-BOY	Tina Morgan and Jessica Sheehan, Newton County
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Mississippi Association of Supervisors	Obreisha Davis and Casey Griffin of Newton County; Julie Holley and Tiah Rae York of Neshoba Central
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New Directions	Sawana Jones, Forest
Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council	Coco Graham, Philadelphia
Philadelphia Sertoma Club	Anna Waltman, Neshoba Central
Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial	Zach Staton, Union
Carthage Bank	Mary Kathryn Jones, Leake Academy
Hogue-Brantley	Deanna Gunn, Carthage
Russell McCann Memorial	Cedric Gray, Scott Central
Harrison Memorial	Suzanne Chaney, Kristin Chaney, Jared Lanier, Megan McMahan and Jessica Sheehan, all of Newton County, and Zach Robinson, Union
Entergy Mississippi, Inc. Excellence In Education Scholarship for Vocational-Technical Students	Yuvonne Kidd, Newton County
Jack and Mary Jo White	Aubrie Cleveland, Union



C. D. Smith (left), BellSouth Regional Manager, presents a \$10,000 check to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, president of East Central Community College, to establish a scholarship endowment. The donation is part of BellSouth's \$150,000 statewide grant initiative involving the state's 15 community and junior colleges.

East Central Community College Receives \$10,000 grant from BellSouth

East Central Community College recently received a \$10,000 grant from BellSouth as part of the company's ongoing efforts to support education in the State of Mississippi. Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC President, and C. D. Smith, BellSouth Regional Manager, announced the grant during a news conference held on the Decatur campus.

Dr. Sutphin said the College is grateful to BellSouth for its generous donation.

"We deeply appreciate the commitment of BellSouth to the education of our citizens. Education is such an important factor in an improved quality of life for people and communities, and the financial support for scholarships from corporations such as BellSouth allows many deserving students to receive a quality education," said Dr. Sutphin.

The \$10,000 grant to ECCC is part of a strategic BellSouth initiative to establish endowment funds for higher education in communities statewide. ECCC will oversee the administration and award process for the scholarship fund.

BellSouth will award a total of \$150,000 in Mississippi - \$10,000 to each of the 15 community colleges in the state. "This initiative helps to insure we continue to have opportunities to recruit and employ people with the workforce training skills and education our industry demands," said Smith.

Smith said the grants were awarded to build on the mission of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, which is to "... enhance a community and junior college education and workforce training for Mississippians, promote positive leadership, and create partnerships with business, industry and other entities ..."

**Elzey Joe Arledge Jr.**

Elzey Joe Arledge Jr., Col. USANG (Ret.), 59, died Thursday, April 3, 2003, in Philadelphia. Visitation was held Saturday, April 5, in Mount-Castle Funeral Home in Dale City, Va., with burial scheduled at a later date.

He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1965. He served on active duty from 1966 to 1968, serving a year in Vietnam. He served in the Mississippi Army National Guard from 1972 to 1978 and the Delaware National Guard from 1978 to 1996. He was promoted to Colonel in 1992. His total military service was 32 years.

Arledge received the Vietnam Service Medal; the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Meritorious Service Medal and numerous other awards. He entered federal civilian service in 1973 and severed with distinction for over 29 years. At the time of his death, he was a management and program analysis officer, GS-15, serving as the Deputy Division Chief of the full-time support division, Army National Guard Directorate.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, of Woodbridge, Va.; two sons, John Arledge of Richmond, Va. and Steve Burroughs of Bay St. Louis; two grandchildren, Steven and Anna Burroughs; a sister, Betty Sue Arledge, and a brother, James Thomas Arledge, both of Philadelphia.

Timothy Wayne Boles

Services for Timothy Wayne Boles, 48, of Walnut Grove, were held Tuesday, June 24, in Milling Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Matt Clark and Bill Hudson officiating. Burial was in Damascus Cemetery in Scott County.

Boles died Sunday, June 22, in Leake County from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

He graduated from the East Central Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program in 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Boles of Walnut Grove; his mother,

Estell Boles of Hebron; sisters, Mildred Newsom of Hebron and Gloria Kessinger of Huntsville, Alabama; and a brother, J.C. Boles of Sherman, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Boles.

Thomas Rupert Chisolm Jr.

Services for Thomas Rupert Chisolm Jr., 74, were held Monday, May 19, in Enterprise Baptist Church with the Revs. Taylor Wallace and Richard Cothem officiating. Burial was in Enterprise Cemetery with Stephens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Chisolm, 74, of Enterprise, died Thursday, May 15, 2003, at University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham. He was retired Superintendent of Enterprise Consolidated Schools District. He was born in Neshoba County to Thomas Rupert Chisolm Sr. and Trilba Stephens Chisolm. He received his associate of arts degree from East Central Junior College (East Central Community College) and his bachelor's of science from Mississippi Southern College (University of Southern Mississippi). He also completed postgraduate studies at USM, Mississippi State University, and University of South Carolina. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

His career in education began in Neshoba County at Shady Grove and Zephyr Hill High Schools. He served at Collinsville High School as a teacher and principal. In 1960, he moved to Enterprise where he was superintendent of schools until 1977. He was a member of Enterprise Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Merle Williamson Chisolm, sons, Tommy Chisolm and his wife Cindy, of Fellowship and Steve Chisolm and his wife, Debbie, of Red Oak, Texas; a daughter, Terri Smith and her hus-

band, Timmy, of Enterprise; seven grandchildren, Jenny Chisolm Simmons and her husband, Ryan, of Dallas, Melissa Chisolm and Sarah Chisolm of Red Oak, Texas, T.W. Chisolm of Fellowship and Christopher Smith, Nicholas Smith and Madison Smith, all of Enterprise; brother, C.E. Chisolm of Albuquerque, N.M. and Ed Chisolm and his wife, Joyce, of Cashiers, N.C.; a sister, Vistan Allen and her husband, Billy, of Collinsville; brothers-in-law, Joseph Williamson of Ridgeland; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Debbie Chisolm; and his parents, Thomas Rupert Chisolm Sr. and Trilba Stephens Chisolm.

Pallbearers were Billy Allen, Joseph Williamson, Sam Williamson, Tommy Smith, Chris Smith, Nick Smith, Mickey Taylor and Tim Davis.

Bobbie N. Crawford

Services for Bobbie N. Crawford, 77, of Killeen, Texas, were held Monday, June 16, in Barham Funeral Home Chapel in Newton with the Rev. Johnny Crosby officiating. Burial was in Decatur Cemetery.

Crawford died Wednesday, June 11, 2003, in Temple, Texas.

She was a retired teacher at Avenue "D" School and Pershing Park Elementary. She was a teacher with KIDS from 1960 — 1983 and one of the first special education teachers in Killeen. She was a member and past president of Delta Kappa Gamma, retired teacher's association, association of Texas Professional Educators and Daughters of the American Revolution. She volunteered in KIDS Schools after her retirement.

Crawford was a member of Decatur United Methodist Church. She was a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, where she earned a degree in elementary education. She was a member of the East Central Junior College Class of 1948.

Survivors include a son, Ron Crawford, of Newton; a daughter, Shelia Mosser, of Killeen, Texas; two sisters, Cathryn Walters of Newton and Helen Webb Rose, of Decatur; one brother, Larry Reeves, of Stone Mountain, Ga.; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William R. "Junior" Crawford; her parents; one brother; and one sister.

Pallbearers were Steve Harber, Carl Walter, Paul Frink, Gerald Crawford, Sonny Crawford, Harold Frink and Bryan Frink.

Marshall Foch Duncan

Services for Marshall Foch Duncan, 84, were held Tuesday, June 10, in McLaurin Heights Baptist Church in Pearl with burial in Morton Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Steve Jackson officiated. Duncan died Saturday, June 7 in Rankin Medical Center in Brandon.

He lived in Morton before moving to Pearl in 1960. He was a member of McLaurin Heights Baptist Church where he had served as a Deacon on the Church Treasury Board of 13 years.

Duncan also served as treasurer for the Rankin County Baptist Association for 23 years. He was very devoted to God, family and friends. He retired from the Air Force as a Captain where he served in World War II.

He was a 1938 graduate of East Central Junior College.

Survivors include his wife, Christine G. Duncan; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Don Brooks of Pearl; granddaughters, Pam Miller and husband, Randy, of Carson; Melissa Boatman and fiancé Bobby Van Buren of Byram; and Belinda Harrell and husband, Jason, of Flowood; great-granddaughter, Maggie Frances Pigg and husband, Raylon, of Brandon and Jean Turbville of Pearl; sisters-in-law, Trudie Duncan of Morton and Linda Duncan of Fayetteville, Arkansas; and a number of nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Minnie Duncan; two sons, Marshall Duncan and Steve Duncan; a sister, Marie Kersh; and brothers O.T. Duncan, Blumie Duncan, Raymond Duncan and Curtis Duncan.

Pallbearers were Dan Duncan, Randy Nut, Perry Franklin, Pete Ruffin, Brad Rogers, Jerry Williamson, Doug Arnold and Tony Williamson.

Honorary pallbearers were members of Seeker Sunday School at McLaurin Heights Baptist Church.

Regina Eleanor Chalk Evans

Regina Eleanor Chalk Evans died Wednesday, April 23, 2003 in Chico, California. She was born September 21, 1919 in Louisville, Mississippi and was the daughter of John Tudor Chalk and Martha Geneva (Gladden) Chalk. She graduated from East Central Community College in 1940.

Regina and her sister, Alice, were two women from Winston County who served in World War II. She served in the United States Air Corps from September 1942 until October 1945.

She met her husband, Alfred Stephen Evans, while in service and they were married July 8, 1945. They settled at California State University at San Jose and she completed her studies in education and then took courses in medical records and terminology.

She worked at O'Connors Hospital in medical records for many years. Upon retirement, she and her husband resettled in Chico, California.

The union with Alfred ended August 2, 2002 when he passed away. Regina was buried next to Alfred at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine, CA, with military honors.

She is survived by her only child, Martha Evans Kiersch, Ph.D., her son-in-law, Henry Kiersch, of Fresno, California, and several nieces and nephews.

Regina made genealogy research her devoted hobby. She traveled extensively in the south copying records. She corresponded with hundreds of people.

She wrote several books and collected much detailed information using the best technology available at the time. Because of her great love for Winston County, she chose to donate her collection to the Winston County Library, Genealogical Room.

Ruth Herring Green

Ruth Herring Green, a member of the ECCC Class of 1939, died on October 4, 2002. She was a resident of Leakesville. No other information was available.

Bill Herron

Services for William Claude "Bill" Herron, Jr., were held Tuesday, August 19, 2003, at Ott and Lee Funeral Home in Brandon. Burial was in Parkway Memorial Cemetery in Ridgeland.

Herron, 63, died Friday, August 15 at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

Herron was born October 20, 1939, in Forest, where spent his childhood and graduated from Forest High School in 1957. He attended East Central Community College on a football scholarship.

He later moved to Rankin County where he was a 32-year resident of Brandon.

In 1984, Herron began a successful international marketing career, founding B & C Services. He traveled the world teaching financial independence. He and his wife, Clementine, received the coveted "Herbie" award five times for excellence in the International Business Community.

He was a longtime member of Forest United Methodist Church. He was avid hunter, golfer and supporter of Ole Miss athletics.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Clementine T. Herron of Brandon; sons and daughters-in-law, Trey and Mamie Herron of Ridgeland, and Jay and Dixie McNamee of Yazoo City; daughter and son-in-law Wendy and Jim Bobo of Brandon; grandson, Josh Bobo of Brandon; granddaughter,

Amelia Bobo of Brandon; and his sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Gary Certain of Kentucky.

Memorials may be made to Herbalife Children's Foundation, 1800 Century Park East, Los Angeles, CA 90067.



Jeff Hitt

Services for Jeffrey Glenn Hitt were held at 2 p.m. Monday, August 18, 2003, at Hickory Baptist Church with the Revs. Rodney Anderson, Paul Swindle, Ed Dickerson, Wayne Dickerson, Paul Oglesbee and Rick Benson officiating. Burial was in Hudson Chapel Church of God Cemetery with Milling Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Hitt, 31, died Friday, August 15 at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center. He was employed as work-based learning coordinator at East Central Community College. He previously served as associate minister of Union Church of Christ.

He served as treasurer of the ECCC Administration, Faculty and Staff Association, and was a member of the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges. He was also co-sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at ECCC and was an active member of the Newton County Ole Miss Alumni Association and the ECCC Alumni Association. He was also currently serving as the sports announcer for the Newton County Academy Generals.

A graduate of Union High School, Hitt received an associate in arts degree from ECCC (Class of 1991), a bachelor of public administration degree from the University of Mississippi, and a master of science degree in counselor education from Mississippi State University.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Faye Henley Hitt; daughter, Gillian Henley Hitt; his parents, Bobby and Geraldine Hitt, his sister, Alethia Gail Hitt, his maternal grandmother, Eunice Dickerson, all of Union; his paternal grandmother, Effie Mae Mitchum of Cuning, GA; and his mother-in-law, Faye Chesney Henley of Hickory.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Kathy Lynn Hitt.

Pallbearers were Clay Barnet, Billy McCune, Dale Pattilo, Roger Whitlock, Ronald B. Westbrook, Scotty Russell, Chris Clark and Britt Harris. Honorary pallbearers were members of the ECCC Alumni Association and the Newton County Ole Miss Alumni Association.

John L. Hoyt

John L. Hoyt, a 1978 graduate of East Central Community College, died January 28, 2003. He lived in Union. Additional information was not available.

Alice Patrice Johnston

Services for Alice Patrice Johnston, 31, were of Monroe, La., were held Tuesday, January 7, 2003, in the chapel of Mulhearn Funeral Home with Dr. Randy McGee officiated. Burial was in Mulhearn Memorial Park Cemetery. She died January 5, 2003, at her residence. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Monroe, La.

Johnston was preceded in death by her brother, James Cleveland Johnston, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie T. Cleveland of Newton, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Johnston of Crossett, Ark.

Survivors include her mother, Patsy C. Johnston (Class of 1952) of Monroe, La; her father, James E. Johnston, Sr. of



Livingston, Texas; brothers, Jim Johnston and his wife, Toni, of Monroe, La., and Lonnie M. Johnston and his wife, Kim, of Bossier City, La.; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Jeremy Johnston, Chad Johnston, Jody Lofton, Chuck Denham, Vernon Whitlock and Dr. William O. Gay.

Donnie Leach

Donnie Leach, a 1962 graduate of East Central Junior College, died April 20, 2003. Additional information was not available.

Katherine Sharp Link

Services for Katherine Sharp Link, 66, were held Thursday, June 19, in Milling Funeral Home Chapel in Sebastopol. The Rev. J.B. Elam officiated. Burial was in Sebastopol City Cemetery.

Sharp died Tuesday, June 17, in Heartfelt Hospice in Newton.

Link attended Sebastopol High School, East Central Junior College (Class of 1956), the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University and Mississippi College for Women, where she received her Doctorate degree.

After several years of teaching at various locations at both the high school and college levels, she and her husband, Hamp Link, moved from Decatur, Alabama, to Montgomery, where they founded Link Enterprises. Always interested in education, she traveled throughout the United States and around the world working with the U.S. government.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Buford and Minnie Dee Sharp, her husband and her son, Randy Link.

Surviving relatives include her granddaughter, Jessica Link of Blacksburg, Virginia; a sister, Janice Warren of Sebastopol; two nieces, Cindy Gilmore and Kym Boykin, and a nephew, Randall Watkins, all of Sebastopol.

Chester G. McWhorter

Services for Dr. Chester G.

McWhorter, 76, were held Friday, June 20, 2003 in Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur with burial in Newton County Memorial Gardens. Barham Funeral Home of Newton is handling arrangements.

Dr. McWhorter died Tuesday, June 17, in Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center.

He grew up in Decatur, attended East Central Community College (Class of 1948) and received the B.S. and M.S. degrees from Mississippi State University. He completed the Ph.D. in plant physiology at Louisiana State University. He spent 40 plus years in agriculture research, USDA.

Dr. McWhorter was an internationally recognized weed scientist, having been invited to 12 foreign countries to discuss his research on weed control. He edited two major books of weed science. The improved weed technology he generated is now used on more than 60 million acres of agronomic crops annually in the United States.

His pioneering research led to the discovery that surfactants and other agents increase herbicide activity and improve selectivity and safety. His was a discovery that allowed the control of Johnson Grass. He invented several innovative herbicide application devices and techniques. He has shared his research results through more than 225 publications.

Dr. McWhorter served on the board of directors of Weed Society of America and the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology. He was president of both WSSA and Southern Weed Science Society and served as editor of several weed science journals.

His more than 20 major awards from weed science societies and USDA include Man of the Year in Southern Agriculture from Progressive Farmer Magazine, Distinguished Scientist of the Year, USDA, and induction in the Agriculture Research Hall of Fame, the only Mississippian to be honored.

Dr. McWhorter retired in 1993 and moved to Decatur where his wife, Ann,

continues to reside.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, E. Patrick McWhorter and Walter R. McWhorter; one grandchild, Ann Kate McWhorter; and one brother, John L. McWhorter.

He was a member of Clarke Venable Baptist Church and was a former member and deacon of First Baptist Church in Leland. He was a lifetime member of the East Central Community College Alumni Association and was a contributor to the College's Investors in Excellence fund.

Dr. Kevin Nichols

Services for Dr. Kevin Nichols were held Sunday April 13 in Ott and Lee Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Conehatta Cemetery.

Dr. Nichols, of Philadelphia, died Friday, April 11, 2003, in Conehatta. He was a native of Newton and had lived in Philadelphia for the past 16 years where he had practiced family medicine. He was a graduate of Decatur High School, East Central Community College (Class of 1987), Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, where he received a degree in general medicine.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Nichols of Philadelphia; his parents, Billy and Gale Nichols of Conehatta; daughters, Lori Nichols of Union and JoAnna Nichols, of Philadelphia; a son, Andrew Nichols of Union; step-daughters, Katie Allard, Sarah Burrage and a step-son, Obie Burrage, all of Philadelphia; a sister, Karen Reece and her husband, Weyman of Conehatta; brother, Ken Nichols and his wife, Bonnie, of Decatur and Kris Nichols and his wife, Elizabeth, of Conehatta; maternal grandmother, Mattie Ruth Evans of Lake; and a step-grandson, Harley Allard of Philadelphia and several nieces and nephews.

Charlie Phillips

Services were held Monday, June 16, 2003 for Otha Charles "Charlie"

Phillips at Riles Funeral Home in Vicksburg, with the Rev. Billy Brumfield, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in New Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery in Neshoba County.

Phillips, 60 died Friday, June 13, at St. Dominic/Jackson Memorial Hospital.

A Neshoba County native, Phillips was a 1964 graduate of East Central Community College. He had been a resident of Vicksburg since 1967.

He was the son of the late Johnny and Kate Hill Phillips, Sr.

Phillips was a graduate of Mississippi State University and was a civil engineer with the U. S. Corps of Engineers-Vicksburg District with 36 years of service.

He was president of the Warren Central High School Athletic Booster Club and was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra P. Phillips of Vicksburg; daughter, Jennifer Margaret Phillips of Brandon; two sons, Michael Charles Phillips of Clinton and Jeffery Chad Phillips of Vicksburg; four sisters, Mrs. Jay Smith of Philadelphia, Armita Logan of Philadelphia, Dot Phillips of Kosciusko and Isalene Grant of Wixom, Mich.; four brothers, Arthur Phillips of Madison, Frank Phillips, Thomas Phillips and Jerry Phillips, all of Madison; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Johnny Phillips, Jr.

Memorials may be made to Warren Central High School Athletic Boosters Club, 1000 Highway 27, Vicksburg, MS 39180, Immanuel Baptist Church Building Fund, 6949 Highway 61 South, Vicksburg, MS 39180 or to the Vicksburg-Warren Humane Society, P. O. Box 820171, Vicksburg, MS 39182.

Johnny A. Phillips Jr.

Services for Johnny A. Phillips Jr., 64, a retired teacher, were held Tuesday, April 22 in McClain-Hays Funeral Home in Philadelphia. Burial was in



Eastlawn Cemetery.

Phillips died Saturday, April 19, 2003, at Neshoba County General Hospital in Philadelphia.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Neshoba County. He was a retired teacher having taught in McGee, Union, Philadelphia and on the Pearl River Indian Reservation. He served as Sheriff of Neshoba County for two terms during the years 1976-1984. He was a member of New Pleasantdale Baptist Church and had formerly served as President of the Fairview Fire Department, Central Water Association and the Neshoba County Cattleman's Association.

Phillips was a member of the East Central Community College Class of 1961.

Survivors include his wife, Rosanell Phillips of Philadelphia; daughter, Nedra Kaye Lang of Sebastopol; two grandchildren, Bethany Kate Lang and Aden Lang of Sebastopol; five brothers, Arthur Phillips of Madison, Frank Phillips of Philadelphia, Thomas Phillips of Philadelphia, Charlie Phillips of Vicksburg, Jerry Wade Phillips of Philadelphia; and four sisters, Isalene Grant of Wixon, Mich., Jaynell Smith of Philadelphia, Arnita Logan of Philadelphia, and Dorothy Phillips of Kosciusko.

Herman Robinson

Funeral services for former East Central Community College men's basketball coach Herman Robinson of Meridian were held Thursday, July 3, 2003, at Barham Funeral Home in Meridian. Burial was held in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Coach Robinson, 73, died Monday, June 30 at his home following an extended illness.

He led the Warrior basketball program from 1976-82. He began his career at House High School in Neshoba County followed by stints at Greenwood (Fla.), Waynesboro, Laurel, Harrison Central, St. Martin and New Hope.

Coach Robinson compiled a 717-263 record over 33 years. He was inducted into the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame in 1994.

He was a member of Midway Baptist Church, American Legion Post 21 and the Disabled American Veterans. He served in the Army in the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Alice Wilson Robinson of Meridian; daughter, Karen Robinson Stafford and husband Ron of Columbus; son, Keith Robinson and wife Jayne of Philadelphia; three brothers, Cecil Robinson of Mamisburg, Ohio, Malcolm Robinson of Edinburg and Larry Robinson of Philadelphia; four grandchildren, Kyle and Kera Robinson of Philadelphia, and Kayla and Keely Stafford of Columbus; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Desmer and Onnie Robinson of Chunky, and a brother, Aubrey Robinson.

The Rev. Dr. Keith Grubbs officiated the service.

Pallbearers were members of his last basketball team at New Hope.

Lowery Robinson, Jr.

Services for Lowery "Crussy" Marlin Robinson, Jr., 66, were held Friday, June 20, 2003, in McNeece-Morris Funeral Home Chapel in Fulton. Bro. Tommy Winders and Bro. David Aultman officiated. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Robinson died Wednesday, June 18, 2003, in his home in Fulton.

He was a graduate of Philadelphia High School, East Central Community College (Class of 1957) and Livingston State University. He earned two master's degrees from Mississippi State University.

Robinson coached basketball for 27 years at Bonn, Caledonia, Mantachie, Houston, Picayune and Walnut. While coaching at Houston, his teams won two state championships and his 1970-

71 team won the State Grand Slam. He was also a member of First Baptist Church in Fulton.

He was preceded in death by his son, Grant Robinson, and a sister, Jo Ann Steele.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Swindol Robinson of Fulton; one daughter, Laurie Powell of Plantation, Florida; one granddaughter; his parents; one niece and one nephew.

Pallbearers were Mont Mars, Jerry Hunter, Dewey Partridge, Grayson Cummings, Wayne Newsom, Ken Bishop, Gary Sullivan, Paul Johnson and Jimmy Dempsey.

Alex Savell

Services for Alex Savell, 27, of Chunky were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 2003, at First Baptist Church in Collinsville, with the Revs. Jerry Alexander, Andy Murray and Alan Sims officiating. Burial was in Center Ridge Cemetery in Duffee, with Barham Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Savell, a registered nurse, died July 24 at University Medical Center in Jackson.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Collinsville, where he participated in various musical activities.

He was a 1994 graduate of Newton County High School and received associate degrees in nursing and music from East Central Community College.

Savell was employed at Whitfield Hospital in Jackson, where he was nighttime supervisor. He also worked part time at Laird-Alliance in Union as night relief supervisor.

He was a former member of the Meridian Demolay Chapter, Master Mason at Little Rock Lodge, Master of Little Rock Lodge, where he served one and one-half terms. He was also a member of the York Rite bodies, and was the former pianist for Disciple Quartet.

Survivors include his father, James D. Savell, Chunky; his mother, Mary Lee Tolbert, Little Rock; a sister, Casey

Michelle Savell; a brother, Jamie Savell; his grandparents, James and Audie Savell, Chunky; and Georgia Lene Mabry of Collinsville.

Pallbearers were members of the Masonic Lodge.

Honorary pallbearers were David Scarbrough, Joey Thrash, Alan Knight, Marty Alexander, Kevin Smith, Michael "Tiny" Clearman, James Allen and Rick Burkett.

Memorial may be made to the Little Rock Lodge #573.

Larry Oliver Trotter

Services for Larry Oliver Trotter, 49, were held Friday, May 16, in Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home in Ridgeland. He died Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

Trotter, a native of Newton, had been a long time resident of the Jackson/Madison area. He was a 1973 graduate of East Central Junior College and earned his degree in banking and finance from Mississippi State University. He continued his education by earning an M.B.A. from Mississippi College.

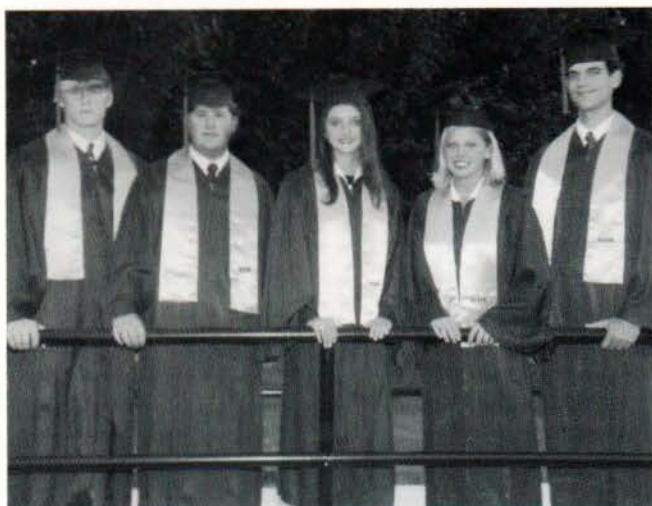
He was employed by Southern States, where he worked in agricultural chemical sales. An avid outdoorsman, Trotter enjoyed hunting and fishing. One of his favorite places was his family land in Newton. He was a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church.

Trotter was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Frances Trotter.

Survivors include his wife, Myra Bennett Trotter of Madison; sons, Andrew McNair Trotter and Daniel Bennett Trotter, both of Madison; brothers, Alan Norman Trotter and wife, Jackie of Morganton, NC; Stephen (Steve) Gant Trotter and wife, Janet of Madison; and nieces, Jordan Trotter of Jackson and Marion Trotter of Madison.

Claude E. Vance

Claude E. Vance, a member of the East Central Junior College Class of



ECCC Graduates Named NJCAA Academic All-Americans

These recent graduates of East Central Community College have been recognized as NJCAA Academic All-Americans for the 2002-03 College term. Recipients of the prestigious honor must have completed three semesters of coursework and participated in at least one season of varsity sports. Students who earn a 3.8 grade point average or above qualify as Distinguished Academic All-Americans and those with at least a 3.6 GPA are named Academic All-Americans. Honorees and their respective sports area are (from left) Kyle Miller (soccer) of Preston, David Burt (golf) of Newton, and Nikki Tullos (tennis), Jennifer Walker (tennis) and Timothy Fieber (tennis), all of Philadelphia. Burt and Fieber were named on the Distinguished list. The outstanding group will be featured in JUCO Review, the official NJCAA publication.

1947, died December 26, 2002. He was a resident of Madison Height, Michigan. Additional information was not available.

Ruth Carr Vincent

Services for Ruth Carr Vincent, 85, were held Saturday, July 19, in Barham Funeral Home in Meridian with the Rev. Dr. F. William Price officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery. She died Thursday, July 17, in Riley's Hospital.

A retired teacher, Vincent was a longstanding member of Poplar Springs Drive United Methodist Church in Meridian. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Walter Arno Vincen tof Meridian; daughters Pamela Fowlkes and husband, Robert, of Monroe, La., and Daphne Lancaster and husband, Glenn, of Meridian; grandchildren Natalie Miller Land and husband Broughton, Lauren Miller, David Miller, Bruce Warner and wife Wendy, Chrissy Thomas and husband Jonathan; great grandchildren Garrison Land, Cody Butler, Alicia Butler and J.T. Thomas; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Carmen Wahrendorff.

Pallbearers were Wayne Wahrendorff, Jeff Fountain and Ovid Vickers. Honorary pallbearers were her Sunday School class.

Marvin D. Walker Jr.

Services for Marvin D. Walker, 78, were held Tuesday, April 22, in James F. Webb Funeral Home in Newton with burial in Newton Country Memorial Gardens. Dr. Leroy Brewer officiated.

Walker, a retired Mississippi State Trooper for 27 years, died Sunday, April 20, 2003, in Heartfelt Hospice in Newton.

He joined the Mississippi Highway Patrol in 1956 and retired in 1982. In 1956 he was shot in the execution of an armed robbery at a truck stop in Newton. He was critically injured in the line of duty in 1959 when he, his partner, and a traffic violator were run over by a drunk driver. The other two men died at the scene and Patrolman Walker spent a year recuperating.

Walker is a veteran of World War II, at which time he served in the Navy. In 1982 he retired from the Army National Guard as a Master Sergeant with thirty years. He also served in the U. S. Air Force.

One of the proudest moments of his life was when he graduated from East Central Community College in 1994 at the age of 70.

Walker was a member of First

Baptist Church in Newton. Mr. Walker was a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Maxine A Walker; children, Barbara Walker Holmes of Newton, Marvin D. Walker, III and Cheryl Walker of Jacksonville, Florida; one grandchild, Angela E. Homes and one great grandchild, Beth Holmes of Newton; a sister, Mary W. Howell of Philadelphia; and one uncle, Lamar Walker of Philadelphia.

Pallbearers were W. G. Pace, Larry Walker, J.B. Hannah, Harold Newell, Clyde Valentine, Bobby Peavey, Bill Joyner, J.R. Blackburn. All retired State Troopers and active Troopers are honorary pallbearers.

Laura Zelle Weems

Services for Laura Zelle Weems, 94, a retired school teacher, were held Saturday, June 14, in Carr United Methodist Church in Forest with burial in the church cemetery.

She died Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at home.

Weems was born in Sun in Scott County. The youngest of nine children, she finished high school at Lake, attended Hinds Junior College, Mississippi State College for Women and did graduate work at the University of Missouri and George Peabody College. She received her

master's degree at the University Of Southern Mississippi.

She taught at East Central Junior College for 14 years then taught one and a half years in Bay Springs. She taught psychology at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College for 24 years.

Weems retired in 1971 to live in Forest, in her native Scott County where she was busily involved to the end as a second mother to a large extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Lafayette and Molly Thompson Weems and by seven siblings. She is survived by a sister Bessie Lois Weems Wilkins of Tupelo.

Oneita Johnston Weisz

Oneita Johnston Weisz, a 1937 graduate of East Central Junior College, died in May of 2002. No other information was available.



Second Annual ECCC Warrior Golf Classic

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Thank You, Warrior Golf Classic participants!

A special thank you to all the players who braved the weather to participate in the 2nd Annual Warrior Golf Classic.

Due to inclement weather the golf tournament could not be completed and scoring was unavailable. Below is a listing of tournament participants in alphabetical order.

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Clyde Guyse
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Ronnie Harris
Brad Hodge
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Tim Johnson
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Doug Jones

Chip Keaton
Kevin Kelly
Ryan Kennedy
Thomas Kennedy
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Kyle Killens
Judge Little
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Demando Mingo
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Judd Nance
Harold Nicholson
Greg Nowell
Will Petty
Jeff Powers
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Haywood Reeves
Willie Richardson
Andy Rowzee
Joe Rush, Jr.
Scotty Russell

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Billy Smith
Tony Smith
Michael Spidle
Billy Tolbert
Tim Tubby
Terry Underwood
Chris Vowell
David Vowell
E. L. Vowell
Todd Vowell
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To qualify, potential recipients must:

- Be in the top 10 percent of their high school class,
- Register as a full time student at East Central during the first semester after high school graduation,
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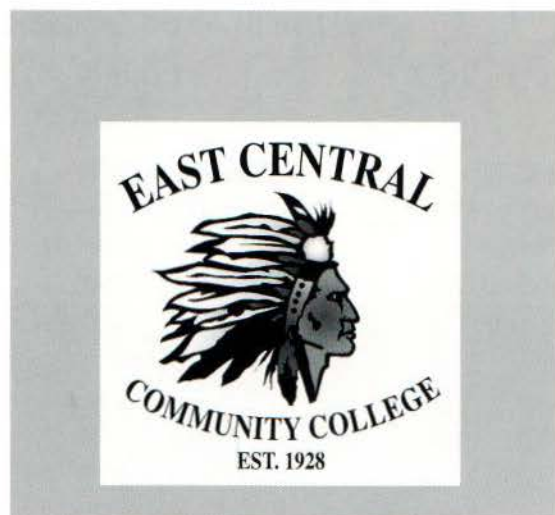
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ECCC Family Mourns Loss Of Jeff Hitt, WBL Coordinator

The sudden death of 31-year-old Jeff Hitt, who was about to begin his second year as East Central Community College's Work-Based Learning Coordinator, continues to be on the minds of his colleagues and many friends.

Hitt, who lived in Union, collapsed near his home while jogging early Thursday, August 14. According to press reports, he was revived and transported first to Laird Hospital in Union and later to Anderson Hospital in Meridian where he died the following day. The cause of death appeared to have been sudden death syndrome.

Services for Hitt were held Monday, August 15, 2003, at Hickory Baptist Church with the Revs. Rodney Anderson, Paul Swindle, Ed Dickerson, Wayne Dickerson, Paul Oglesby and Rick Beason officiating. Jeremy Swindle provided special music. Burial was in Hudson Chapel Church of God Cemetery, with Milling Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Hitt had completed his first year on the ECCC staff, serving not only as WBL coordinator at the College's Workforce Development Center, but also as a recruiter for Student Services.

Roger Whitlock, WDC director, said, "It will be impossible to replace a person like Jeff Hitt."

"You can fill a job vacancy," Whitlock stated, "but you cannot replace someone like Jeff. He genuinely cared about the people he came in contact with, he paid attention to specific needs and requests, and then answered those needs and requests with his best skills and talents. He was a faithful, dependable contributor to this College and the people he served."

As the College's Work-Based Learning Coordinator, Hitt was responsible for placing and evaluating vocational-technical students in worksite settings who are attempting to earn a degree or upgrade their skills and knowledge base to qualify for a better career opportunity.

"And thanks to Jeff's efforts," Whitlock continued, "many students are now experiencing successful careers. Jeff was a special, gifted man who appreciated each opportunity to have a godly impact in his service of others."

When he was not helping students achieve their career goals, Hitt was recruiting students to attend East Central. He was mainly responsible for recruiting students from Leake County.

Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services who coordinates the College's recruiting efforts, said he has also lost an "irreplaceable" staff member.

"From the first day he worked in our office as a summer recruiter about three years ago, I realized that he was someone that we needed on staff full time at East Central. When Jeff was hired by Mr. Whitlock, he continued to recruit three schools in Leake County. Jeff was one of those individuals that would go above and beyond in anything that he did. He cared about all students. He will be deeply missed as a co-worker and friend. Jeff's life is an example that we all need to try to follow. Even though his life was a short one, there is no doubt that he was ready to meet his Lord," Killens said.

Hitt was also active in numerous organizations. He was a member of the Newton County Ole Miss Alumni Association and the

ECCC Alumni Association. He was treasurer of the ECCC Administration, Faculty and Staff Association, a member of the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges, and co-sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at ECCC.

He served as an associate minister at the Union Church of God, and worked with the Union Public School System and the Newton County Alternative School prior to joining the ECCC staff. He was the sports announcer for the Newton County Academy Generals.

As an associate pastor for the Union Church of Christ, Hitt often stood in for the Rev. Paul Swindle, who was one of the officiating ministers at Hitt's funeral service. Rev. Swindle made the following comments about Hitt in another publication:

"Jeff was an extremely fine young man, one of the most honest people I've ever known. He was also very talented and a very godly man. He was as fine a person as you would ever want to be around. I think you could tell he had made an impact in many lives by the fact there were overflow crowds at both the visitation at Milling (Funeral Home in Union) and at the funeral service at Hickory Baptist Church."

Whitlock added that there were three things central to Hitt's life, and one did not have to know him very long to realize what mattered most: his wife, the former Linda Henley of Hickory; their three-year-old daughter, Gillian; and his God.

"He loved his wife and daughter because God had given them to him, and he treated them like blessings from God."

Between the time Hitt collapsed

and the time he died, he was on life support at the hospital. "I told someone that during

Jeff's battle, there was no more worthy candidate for a miracle, nor had anyone demonstrated in their life more readiness for eternity," Whitlock stated. "And in true Jeff Hitt fashion, he was an organ donor, so even in death, he gave a quantity of other people a new chance at life."

Hitt was a graduate of Union High School, ECCC (Class of 1991), the University of Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in public administration, and Mississippi State University, where he earned a master's degree in counselor education.

In addition to his wife and daughter, other survivors include his parents, Bobby and Geraldine Hitt, his sister, Alethia Gail Hitt and his maternal grandmother, Eunice Dickerson, all of Union; his paternal grandmother, Effie Mae Mitchum of Cumming, GA; and his mother-in-law, Faye Chesney Henley of Hickory.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Kathy Lynn Hitt.

Pallbearers were Clay Barnett, Billy McCune, Dale Pattilo, Roger Whitlock, Ronald B. Westbrook, Scotty Russell, Chris Clark and Britt Harris. Honorary pallbearers were members of the ECCC Alumni Association and the Newton County Ole Miss Alumni Association.



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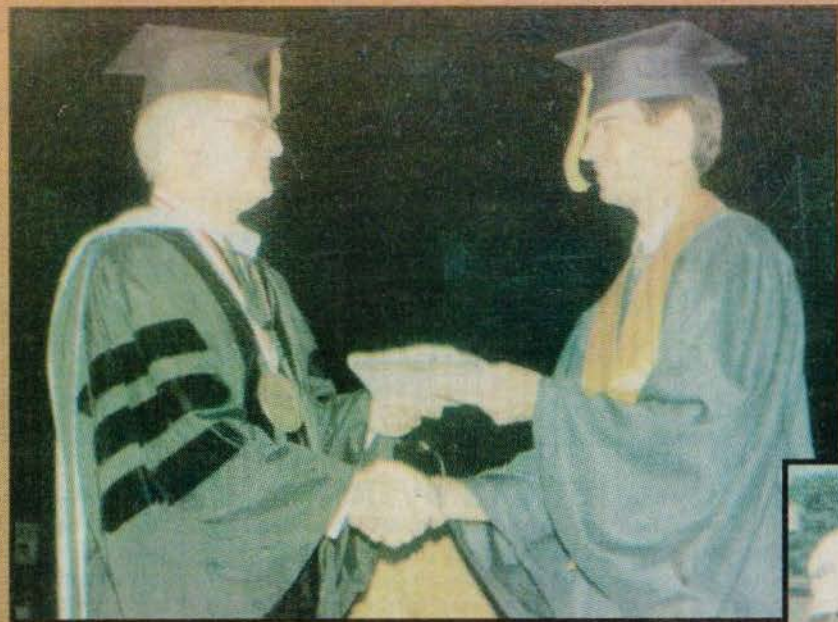
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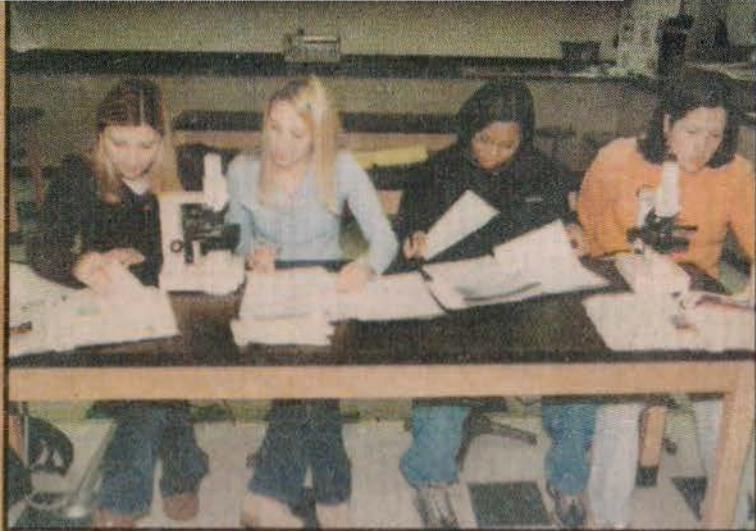
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ECCC to celebrate 75th anniversary during special program Aug. 28

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Lucille Wood has spent most of her 50-year career in education on the campus of East Central Community College.

Wood will offer her observations of the college she has served for almost five decades when ECCC celebrates its 75th anniversary during a special program scheduled Aug. 28 on the Decatur campus. Activities get underway with a reception scheduled from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. The program begins at 10:45 a.m. in Huff Auditorium. A complimentary lunch will be served in the East Mall following the ceremony.

Wood, who joined the ECCC staff in 1956 following three years teaching and coaching at Copiah-Lincoln Community College, said her comments will mostly be about the "people" of East Central Community College.

"I plan to talk about the individuals who laid the foundation of what East Central Community

A native of Winston County, Wood teaches physical education and education classes at the college and serves as chair of the Department of Social Science, Business and Education. She served as head coach of the Lady Warrior basketball team from 1974-1986, guiding her squads to two state championships and numerous division titles.

She is also credited with "reviving" women's basketball on the community/junior college level after the sport was discontinued in the late 1950s. The sport was reinstated the same year Wood began her coaching career at East Central.

Throughout her career, Wood has held various positions of leadership on the region and state levels. She served as Region 23 director to the National Junior College Athletic Association from 1987-97, and was selected the first president of the Mississippi Association of Women's Coaches in 1974-75. She was also the first coach of the Mississippi Junior



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PLANNING 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Making plans for the Aug. 28 convocation commemorating the 75th anniversary of the founding of East Central Community College are committee members (from left) Ovid Vickers, retired English instructor; Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction; Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, president; and Lucille Wood, physical education/education instructor and former Lady Warrior head basketball coach. Activities get underway at 10:45 a.m. in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

College is today. In addition to recognizing former presidents and administrators for their leadership, I will also speak about teachers and students of this institution who have played significant roles in the success of East Central. I also plan to recognize alumni who have excelled in various endeavors. On a lighter note, I will mention the various traditions once observed at the college, such as May Day, Sadie Hawkins Day, etc., and will also point out the various changes in clothing styles through the years. I'll conclude my remarks on a more personal note by talking about what East Central Community College has done for me," Wood said.

College Women's Airstar Basketball Team.

When she completed a 10-year tenure as Region 23 Director, Wood received various awards from the National Junior College Athletic Association in recognition of her 40 years of service to community and junior college athletics on the national, regional, state and local levels. Among honors she received include the Service Award, presented to only two recipients from throughout the nation on an annual basis.

Wood served two terms as president of the ECCC Alumni Association, and was twice chosen as president of the ECCC Faculty Club. She is also a former HEADWAE (Higher Education

Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor of the Year, a program sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature, and was named ECCC's Academic Instructor of the Year in 1993. She was selected the college's Alumnus of the Year in 1965. Wood was inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988. The college's Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building is named in honor of Wood and former All-American basketball player Denver Brackeen.

Wood was among nine recipients of the annual "Power of One"

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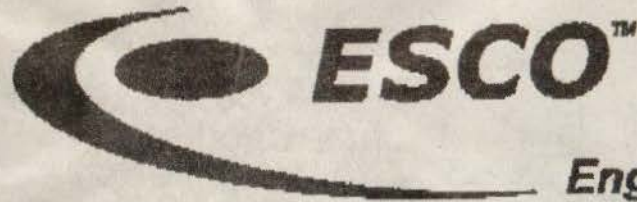
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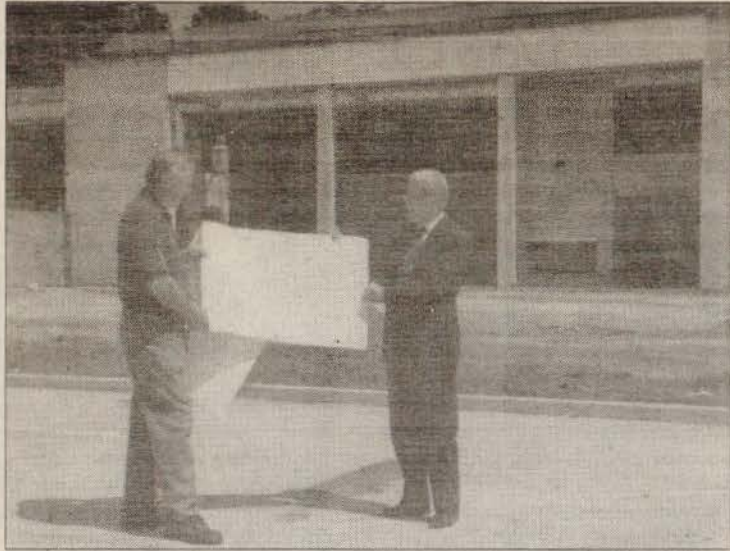
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DISCUSSING PHASE II PLANS

Mike Dearing, left, director of the ECCC Physical Plant, and Dr. Phil Sutphin, College President, look over plans for Phase II of the Eddie M. Smith Student Building.

Work continues on buildings, renovations



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ECCC RETIREES HONORED

East Central Community College honored retiring administrators, faculty and staff members at the annual End-of-the-Year Dinner held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Retirees include, from left, Leonard Barrier of Philadelphia, English instructor; Jimmy Dempsey of Decatur, vocational-technical counselor; Carolyn Haralson of Forest, dormitory supervisor; Barbara Deaton of Decatur, secretary to the faculty; John Adcock of Decatur, dean of vocational-technical instruction; and Jim Hansford of Union, workforce development coordinator. The Ac'cents, the college's show choir, provided entertainment.

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As East Central Community College strives to have the best facilities possible for its students, work continues on building projects and renovations throughout the campus.

Plans for Phase II of the Eddie M. Smith Student Union Building are underway and site work has been done in order for construction to begin in 2004. Phase II includes a new bookstore, a food court and the Office of Admissions, Records and Research.

The project should be completed and in use by the 2005 term.

In addition to the preparations for Phase II, construction is also complete on a new parking lot located between the Student Union and Winston Hall dormitory. Approximately 30-40 spaces are available.

Renovations to the Frank T. Rives Educational Building are complete and the college's Licensed Practical Nursing Program is scheduled to move into that building this month.

The College also completed construction on the new pavilion located adjacent

to the lake and the Dick Livingston Recreational/Study Trail. The pavilion is available for use by the College and the community.

A new project spearheaded by the college's Alumni Association involves funding the renovations of a room in the Mamie Ethel Burton Library, which will be called the EC Memorabilia Room. The room will house artifacts of the College and donated items from various alumni. Anyone wishing to assist with the funds for this room should contact the Foundation Office at 635-2111, ext. 327.

East Central was recently awarded an Urban & Community Forestry Assistance Grant to improve the mall area north of the W. Arno Vincent Administration Building. This project includes new landscaping as well as an irrigation system. Concrete and brick pavers will replace most of the asphalt drive.

In addition to the major construction and renovation projects, members of the maintenance staff have been busy this summer preparing dormitories for the fall semester.

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"Player of the Year" honors. Her second recruiting class at TSU was ranked in the top 50 in the country. As academic monitor, Brooks was instrumental in improving her players' grade point averages, which reached 3.0 when she left the school in 2002.

Brooks is also a former head coach at Monterey (Calif.) Peninsula Junior College, where she served for one season. Prior to coaching the Lady Lobos, she served on the staffs at two Pac-10 schools — Oregon State University and the University of California-Berkeley.

She also has experience coaching on the high school level, having served as head mentor at her alma mater, Berkeley High School, and at South Albany High School in Albany, Oregon.

Brooks holds bachelor degrees in sociology and liberal studies from Oregon State University. She has also completed graduate studies in recreation and sports administration at St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif.

Hill previously coached at Philadelphia High School, where he led the baseball and slow-pitch softball programs for a combined 15 years. None of his teams experienced a losing record.

Philadelphia advanced to the state baseball playoffs during seven of Hill's 10 years at the helm, compiling an overall record of 193 wins and 98 losses. His most successful season was in 1999, when the Diamond Tornadoes finished 29-13 and were the State Class 2A runners-up.

Hill's slow-pitch softball teams posted an overall 87-45 mark during his five-year tenure, which included a state championship in 2000. The 2000 squad ended season action with a 32-10 record.

He also led the cross-country and soccer programs at Philadelphia and was an assistant football coach. In addition, he served as physical education and social studies instructor.



Hill

Mississippi State University, where he received bachelor and master's degrees in physical education.

He is married to the former Melisa Polk of Brandon and they have two sons, Joel and Lee.

Dr. Chris Jenkins of Meridian is the college's new vocal music instructor. He will also direct the concert choir.

In addition to his teaching duties, Jenkins serves as organist and choirmaster at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Meridian. He is a former choir director and organist at Christ Episcopal Church in Mobile, Ala., and previously served as organist at First Baptist Church in New Orleans. In addition, he is a former minister of music at Riverside Baptist Church in River Ridge, La., and earlier served as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church in Gautier. He is also a former minister of music



Jenkins

a former assistant professor of music at the University of Mobile in Ala., and previously served as adjunct professor of music at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. His teaching experience also includes stints at Marion Park Elementary School in Meridian and at East Rankin Academy in Pelahatchie.

Jenkins is past president of the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Conference, and previously served on the Board of Directors for the Grand Opera House of Mississippi in Meridian. He was a featured performer on the St. Paul's of Meridian Chamber series.

A graduate of Meridian High School, Jenkins received a bachelor's degree in education from Mississippi College, a master of education from the University of Southern Mississippi, and both the master of music applied organ and doctor of musical arts music education from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has a son, Brady, a high school senior.

Barry Mason of Union was recently selected EMT-Paramedic instructor.

staff, McAdory was employed as dietary manager at the Winston Medical Center, a position she had held since 1976. She also has experience working for local industries.

McAdory attended Louisville High School and received certification in dietary management from the Dietary Managers Association of Chicago, Illinois. She also attended North Dakota University.

She was married to the late Charles (Sam) Davis McAdory, and they had three sons, Charles Davis McAdory, Jr. of Pontotoc, and Paul Davis McAdory and Jim Davis McAdory, who reside in Louisville, and six grandchildren.

Cynthia Odom of Collinsville is one of two new instructors for the College's Associate Degree Nursing program.

Odom also serves as a



McAdory

Personnel

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Savell previously served as a licensed practical nursing instructor at Meridian Community College. She was earlier employed at health-care facilities in Jackson, Meridian and Union.

She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, Phi Kappa Phi, the Mississippi Nurses Association and Oakland Baptist Church.

Savell is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard Attendance Center, Meridian Community College, where she received an associate in arts degree in nursing, and the Meridian branch of the University of Southern Mississippi, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in nursing from USM.

She is married to David Savell, an ECCC alumnus. They have a son, Cody



Savell

as interim Special Populations Mathematics instructor, Lynn Selman of Decatur was selected to officially fill the position.

Selman is a former math instructor at Petal High School, where she served as a sponsor of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students who excel in mathematics.

A graduate of Columbia Academy, Selman holds bachelor and master's degrees in mathematics from William Carey College, where she served three years as a student government officer. She achieved a 3.9 grade point average on the undergraduate level and maintained a 4.0 GPA while earning her master's degree. She also received the Phi Delta Kappa Outstanding Teacher Award in 1996.

She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

She is married to Shaun Selman, who serves as minister of youth and education at



Selman

the ECCC vocational-technical faculty as heating and air conditioning technology instructor.

Wilson was previously employed as a service technician at NAPA Massey, Inc. in Decatur. He is also a former service technician at Decatur Electric Store.

A graduate of Newton County High School, Wilson received associate in applied science degrees in precision machining technology and heating and air conditioning technology, both from ECCC.

Wilson received various honors while a student at ECCC, including winning first-place honors in the major appliance repair at the Mississippi Skills USA/ VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) contest, and represented the College at the national competition in Kansas City, Mo. Wilson was recognized as the top student in his heating and air conditioning class.



Wilson



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20 YEARS SERVICE

East Central Community College faculty members Brenda Johnson of Philadelphia, left, and Ricky Harrison of Decatur were

McMahan, and a daughter, Sydni, both students at Newton County Elementary School.

After serving this past year

Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur. They have a daughter, Kiersten.

Bill Wilson of Decatur joins

He is married to the former Pamela Kay Germany of Union, who is also an ECCC graduate. They have two children, Jordan and Chase.

Recognition for 25 years of service during the annual Teacher Appreciation Tea held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Johnson teaches computer technology classes and Harrison is a drafting and design technology instructor at the College's Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center.

In 1928, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi adopted the first basic laws for the organization and operation of Mississippi public junior colleges.

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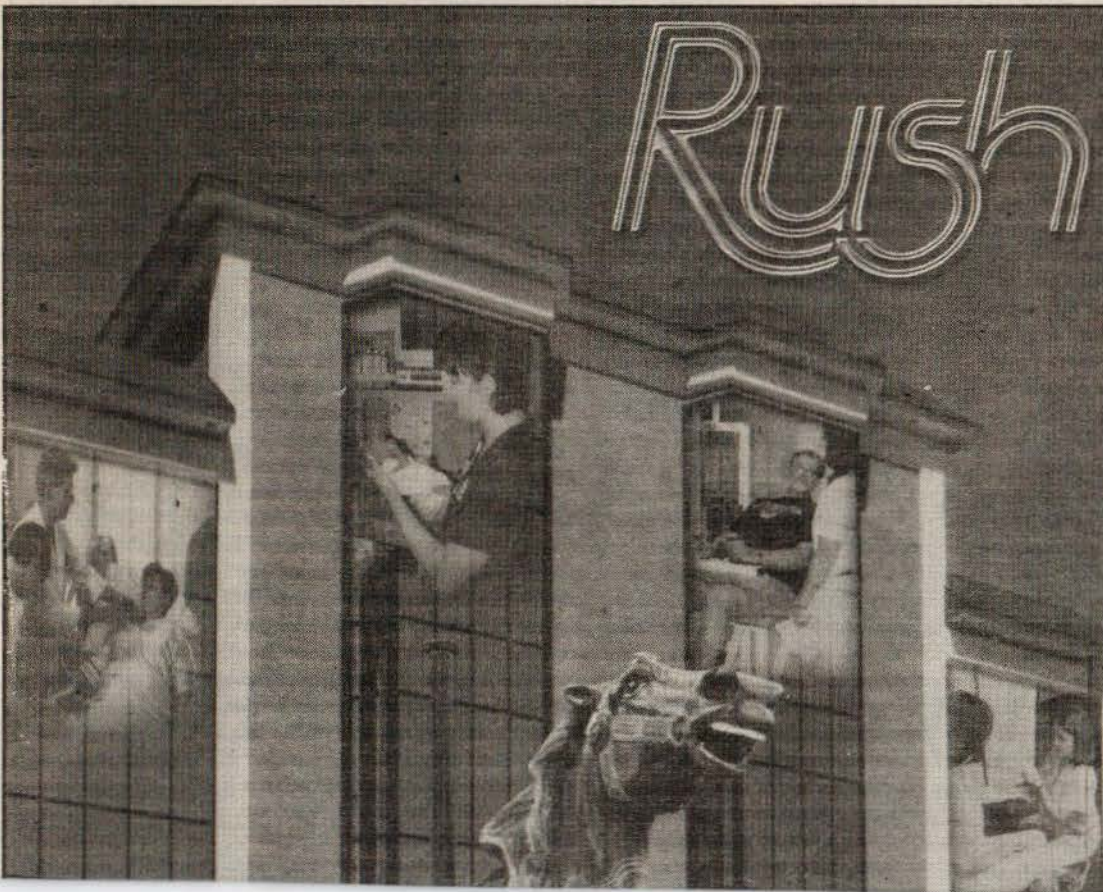
1 (Sat)	Itawamba	(Home)	1 p.m.
3 (Mon.)	Mississippi Delta	(Home)	6 p.m.
6 (Thurs.)	East Mississippi	(Scooba)	6 p.m.
10 (Mon.)	Holmes	(Home)	6 p.m.
13 (Thurs.)	Shelton State* (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)	5:30 p.m.	
18 (Tues.)	Holmes	(Goodman)	6 p.m.
20 (Thurs.)	East Mississippi	(Home)	6 p.m.
24 (Mon.)	Mississippi Delta	(Moorhead)	6 p.m.


December

4 (Thurs.)	Pearl River	(Poplarville)	6 p.m.
8 (Mon.)	Hinds	(Home)	6 p.m.

January

8 (Thurs.)	Itawamba	(Fulton)	6 p.m.
10 (Sat.)	Faulkner State (Ala.) (Bay Minette, Ala.)		1 p.m.
12 (Mon.)	Southwest Mississippi	(Summit)	6 p.m.
15 (Thurs.)	Meridian	(Home)	6 p.m.
19 (Mon.)	Co-Lin	(Home)	6 p.m.





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26 (Mon.)	Gulf Coast	(Perkinston)	6 p.m.
29 (Thurs.)	Pearl River	(Home)	6 p.m.

February

2 (Mon.)	Hinds	(Utica)	6 p.m.
5 (Thurs.)	Southwest Mississippi	(Home)	6 p.m.
9 (Mon.)	Meridian	(Meridian)	6 p.m.
12 (Thurs.)	Co-Lin	(Wesson)	6 p.m.
16 (Mon.)	Jones	(Home)	6 p.m.
19 (Thurs.)	Gulf Coast	(Home)	6 p.m.
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March

1-4	NJCAA Region 23	(Clinton)	TBA
(Mon.-Thurs.)	Tournament		

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Vickers Fine Arts Center.

ECCC welcomes new personnel for 2003-04

special to The Star

A new dean of vocational-technical instruction is among new personnel being welcomed for the 2003-04 term at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Wayne Eason of Meridian began his duties as vo-tech dean on July 1. Eason previously served as director of the Ross Collins Career and Technical Center in Meridian, a post he had held since 1998. He served the previous 10 years as the center's assistant director.

Eason is also a former diversified technology instructor at Millsaps Vocational Center in Starkville. In addition, his experience includes serving as associate principal and industrial arts instructor at Henderson Junior High School in Starkville.

He serves as treasurer of the Mississippi Educational Computing Association and is



Eason

organist at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Jackson. He previously served as associate director of music and organist at First Presbyterian Church in Pine Bluff, Ark., and held the same title at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Ark. In all, he has more than 30 years experience serving as director of music/organist and associate director of music/organist for various churches in Arkansas and Mississippi.

Bobo is also a former visiting professor at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. In addition, he has held teaching positions at Hendrix College, also located in Conway, and at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he began his teaching career in 1975. He also has teaching experience on the community college level, having taught at Garland County Community College in Hot Springs, Ark. In all, he has more than 24 years of adjunct teaching experience in various university and community college environments.

Among honors received include his selection as Distin-

lege, where he received a bachelor's degree in music; and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he received a master's degree in music. He has completed additional studies at UT.

He is married to the former Pamela Jean Moore and they have two daughters, Celeste and Brittany.

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Debbie Boyd of Meridian is a new member of the English faculty. Boyd is a former English instructor at Meridian High School, where she also served as English department vertical chairperson. She has 22 years teaching experience on the secondary level, all with the Meridian Public School System. In addition, she is a former adjunct English instructor at the Meridian branch of Mississippi State University.

She is a member of Midway Baptist Church in Meridian,

serves as a technology management assistant.

Boykin was previously employed as office clerk at East Central Mississippi Health Care in Sebastopol. She is also a former network control technician for World



Boykin

Com/SkyTel, and earlier served as a computer specialist at Maxim Manufacturing Corporation in Sebastopol. She began her career as an inventory clerk at Eason Hardware in Sebastopol.

A graduate of Sebastopol High School, Boykin received a computer technology certificate from the Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center and earned an associate degree of applied science in computer programming at ECCC.

She is married to James Boykin and they have an infant son, Wesly.

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Lacole Brooks of San Marcos, Texas, begins her first

Girls Club of San Marcos.

She is also a former recruiting coordinator and top assistant for the women's basketball program at Texas State University, located in San Marcos.

During her five-year tenure at TSU (previously known as Southwest Texas State University), she was responsible for working with perimeter and post players; recruiting; scheduling games; and serving as director of community service, academic monitor, and promoting and marketing liaison.



Brooks

Texas State advanced to the Southland Conference Tournament during each of the five years Brooks served as an assistant coach. The team she helped build won the 2003 conference tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

At TSU, Brooks recruited and coached 10 All-Conference

past treasurer for the Mississippi Association of Secondary Vocational Directors. He is also a member of the MathFirst — Schools-to-Careers Task Force. He is a past president of the Mississippi State University Industrial Education Association and previously served as treasurer of the MSU College of Education Alumni Association.

A graduate of Forest Hill High School, Eason holds a bachelor's degree in industrial arts education and a master's degree in vocational education, both from Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Tammy Chance of Jackson and they have three children, Amanda, Dee and Rob.

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After serving as the college's concert choir director for 2002-03, Len Bobo of Brandon is the college's new music keyboard instructor.

In addition to his teaching duties at East Central, Bobo serves as adjunct professor of organ and college organist at Millsaps College in Jackson. He is also director of music and



Bobo

guitarist, and was a member of the music faculty at Mississippi College. He has also been named to "Who's Who in the World," "Who's Who in America," "Who's Who in Entertainment" and Who's Who in American Music." He is also a past recipient of the Arkansas Federation of Music Club's Arkansas Church Musician of the Year award.

Bobo has four published compositions to his credit and has completed numerous commissioned compositions for various choral groups.

He is a graduate of Warren Central High School, Hinds Junior College, Mississippi Col-

lege, where she serves as Sunday school teacher and Adult Choir member.

A graduate of North Pike High School in Summit, Boyd earned an associate of arts degree from Southwest Mississippi Community College, a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, and both a master of arts and an educational specialist degree from Mississippi State University.

She is married to Dock Boyd who is a funeral director at Barham Funeral Home in Meridian.

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Regina Boykin of Conehatta

season as assistant coach for the Lady Warrior basketball team.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Brooks served as executive director of the Boys and

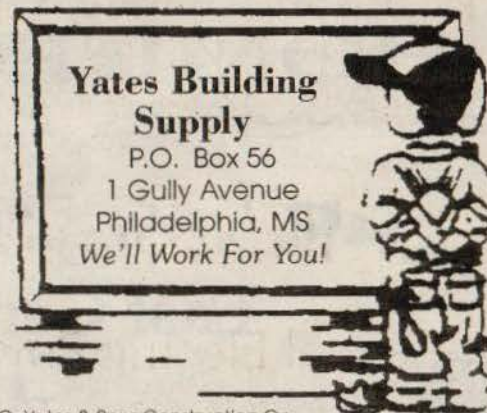
girls' basketball teams, including the 1991 "Freshman of the Year" and

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According to Lanette Hanna, academic counselor, it's easier than ever to attend college.

"Applying to East Central is as easy as 1, 2, 3," Hanna said. "Students must complete their application for admission, have their ACT (American College Test) scores sent to East Central and have their high school transcripts sent to the College."

In addition, students who plan to live on campus must complete a housing application and pay the \$60 room deposit.

Each year, the college helps students achieve their career goals of becoming doctors, lawyers, teachers, pharmacists, bankers and many other professions. And because the college has an articulation agreement with the eight universities in Mississippi, courses are guaranteed to transfer.

The faculty and staff at East Central have provided quality instruction to students for 75 years and they are dedicated to helping you achieve your academic goals.

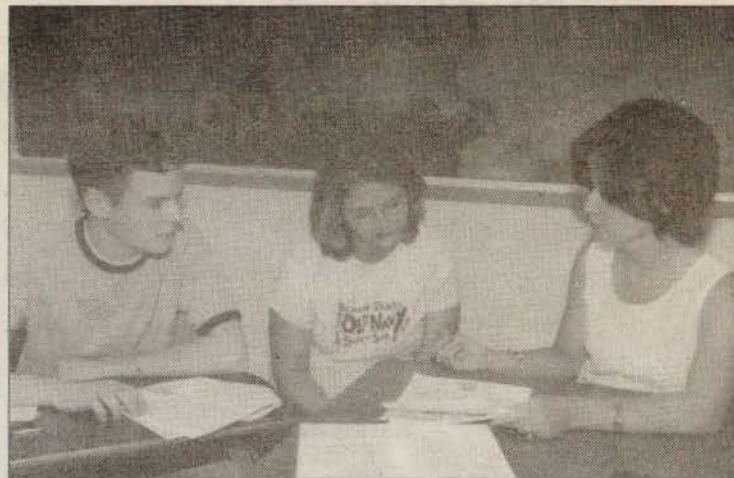
Many academic majors also have corresponding organizations such as Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, a club for students interested in a career in

the medical field, and the Student Education Association for education majors.

By participating in one or more of these clubs, students are able to become more involved in college life and gain valuable skills that will enhance their personal growth.

For students who are undecided about their major field of study, the College also provides a Tech Prep Career Center, which offers interest tests, books, manuals and computer-aided programs to help determine which choice is best suited for their interests and abilities.

For more information on the College's academic programs, contact the Student Services office at 601-635-2111, ext. 205, or phone toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 205.



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ORIENTATION PARTICIPANTS

Matthew Lambert, left, and Kasey Clay, center, recent graduates of Nanih Waiya High School were among students who registered for classes during the July 10 orientation session on the Decatur campus. They are shown with associate degree nursing instructor Lisa Gorgas, who assisted the incoming freshmen with their fall class schedule.

Online courses offered

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To encourage adult students to attend college, East Central Community College in Decatur continues to offer the first course free to any adult 21 years of age or older in the five-county district who has not previously enrolled in the college and who otherwise meets entrance requirements.

eral Education Development) Test and have been out of school for more than one year. The \$65 per semester hour fee will be waived for the first course only.

Interested students should contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research at East Central Community College.

Adult students who qualify for the special program must have graduated from high school or passed the GED (Gen-

lege, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 207, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 207.

Registration continues through Aug. 22 for students planning to take online courses offered by East Central Community College. Classes begin Aug. 25.

Courses offered via Internet access include Principles of Accounting, The Legal Environment of Business, General Biology I, General Biology I Lab, General Biology II, General Biology II Lab, Human Anatomy and Physiology I, Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab, Human Anatomy and Physiology II, Human and Physiology II Lab, Professional Development, Applied Business Math, Machine Transcription, Electronic Spreadsheet, Computerized Accounting, Business Communications, Fundamentals of Data Communications, Network Planning and Design, Intro to Computer Concepts, Microcomputer Applications, Principles of Economics I, American Literature II, English Literature I, American (U.S.) History II, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, Music Appreciation, and General Psychology.

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ECCC Vocational-Technical Division preparing students for successful careers



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NATIONAL HOSA HONORS

These students in the Licensed Practical Nursing Program at East Central Community College in Decatur received various honors at the National HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Conference held in Atlanta, Ga. Seated from left are Rebekah Alawine of Pelahatchie, eighth place, Prepared Speaking; Tara Long of Philadelphia, eighth place, Medical Spelling; and Sharon Taylor of Union, second place, National Healthcare Issues Exam and fourth place, Nutrition Knowledge Test. Standing from left are Lucy Hughes of Forest, Billie McCune of Union, Debbie McInnish of Carthage and Natalie Chapman of Stonewall, who finished second in the Health Education category. Kathy Buckman and Lori Luke serve as LPN instructors.

special to the The Star

Twenty years from now, who knows what the service industry will be like. Just look at the changes that have been made in the last two decades. But one thing is for sure. There will be a service industry and other business that need a highly trained workforce.

At East Central Community College, the Vocational-Technical Education Division is preparing students for careers in everything from paramedics to welding. Most programs provide an associate's degree in just four short semesters and the community college provides training at a fraction of the cost.

Wayne Eason, dean of Vocational-Technical Education at East Central, said, "Our purpose is to prepare students with the skills that are needed for employment. What and how we teach is based on the needs of local businesses and industries."

needs of local businesses.

"There is more computer power in a 2003 automobile than there was on the first Apollo flight to the moon," said Eason. "That proves that auto mechanics need to know computers. We also have computer aided drafting (CAD) and computer assisted manufacturing which emphasizes the need for a computer background."

There are many examples of how the technology has changed and Eason said that part of what his division needs to do is to stay current on the trends.

"We can't train prospective employees if we don't know how to do the job ourselves," he said. "We must stay in constant contact with business and industry to know what their needs are and how to meet them."

One program that has been added to meet the needs of the local area is the EMT-Paramedic Technology course.

"Currently, there is a huge

In addition to Black, Barry Mason was just hired as a second instructor for the course and they hope to have 15 students enrolled in each class.

"With a small class, students are able to get a lot of one-on-one time with the instructor, which will definitely be a great benefit to their educational experience," said Black.

Classes begin in August and students complete the program in five semesters. After successfully completing the program at ECCC, they are awarded the associate degree and are ready for full-time employment. Or if they choose, they can continue their education and earn a bachelor's degree or higher.

Black said, "I would encourage any student that has an interest in the medical field to at least consider a career as a paramedic. It is a very exciting career with many options. In addition to working in an ambulance, paramedics can work on offshore

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As technology changes, courses in the vocational technical division change also. Some programs have been deleted over the years because they are no longer needed. Others have drastically changed based on the

demand for paramedics across the state and the region," said Patrick Black, EMT-Paramedic instructor. "Although we are just beginning our second year with the paramedic program at ECCC, I feel that it is going very well."

oil rigs, with industries, on helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft, as managers of ambulance services, and of course as teachers. And because of the increased demand for paramedics, salaries will continue to increase across the state."

He added, "The training that students receive in the ECCC paramedic program is excellent. The college has very modernized and advanced equipment to train students."

The paramedic technology program is just one example of how the college's vocational-technical division is rising to meet the needs of the local area. Additional course offerings include Automotive Technology, Business and Office Technology, Child Development Technology, Collision Repair Technology, Computer Network Support Technology, Computer Technology, Electrical Technology, Electronics Technology, Heating and Air Conditioning Technology, Machine Shop Technology, Gerontology Technology, Licensed Practical Nursing, Surgical Technology, Carpentry and Cabinetmaking, Welding and Cosmetology.

Each year, students in the vocational and technical courses receive various scholarships and awards.

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Kotrece Bender	Newton
Kristen Chaney	Newton County
Amanda LaCaze	Natchitoches (La.) Central
Fran Boyd	St. Fredrick High School (Monroe, La.)

2003 Warrior Basketball Signees

Terrance Westerfield	Kemper County
Andrew Lewis	Morton
Shaun Daugherty	Choctaw Central
Dekenno Winston	Northeast Lauderdale
Ryan Hudson	Louisville

2003 Warrior Soccer Signees

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Ted Thompson	Clarkdale
Luis Araya	Forest

Workforce

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Westbrook provides small business establishment, growth consulting services and schedules seminars or workshops for individuals aspiring to expand an existing business or to maximize the potential of an entrepreneurial idea.

Hitt places and evaluates vocational-technical students in worksite settings who are attempting to earn a degree or upgrade their skill and knowledge base to qualify for a better career opportunity. The work-based learning program also allows employer expertise to drive the emphasis of educational delivery at the college.

Walker is responsible for providing employee assistance and data through the Mississippi Employment Security Commission to individuals without a job, those in between jobs or applying for a better job.



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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Members of the Workforce Development Center staff include (from left) Scotty Russell and Chris Clark, Workforce Development coordinators; Virgie Thames, secretary, Small Business Development Center; Jeff Hitt, Work-Based Learning coordinator; Emilie Smith, secretary; Ronald B. Westbrook, director, Small Business Development Center; Joe Renaud, Personal Development specialist; Tina Harris, Basic Skills specialist; and Roger Whitlock, director.

companies who partner with the college and frequently request the development of offerings to enable the 'grooming' of highly skilled, knowledgeable technicians capable of installing, maintaining and troubleshooting ever-changing technologies. Companies that are recruited to east central Mississippi can also

economic development roles are high priorities for ECCC and whether you're an existing employer, a potential employer, an individual needing to upgrade skills, change jobs, or you just want to polish your career skills, we'd appreciate the chance to help address your challenges. We just need you to express a

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The college's Productivity Enhancement Lab in Philadelphia provides automated technologies maintenance training and places emphasis on mechanical, electrical, programmable logic controls, hydraulic, pneumatic, welding, robotics, computer integrated manufacturing, CNC maintenance, computer software applications, industrial apprenticeships and employee skill certification credentials. The facility, and the College's network of mobile training labs (located in each county in the ECCC district) also provide programs that deal with leadership, supervisory, safety and quality seminars as well as small business workshops.

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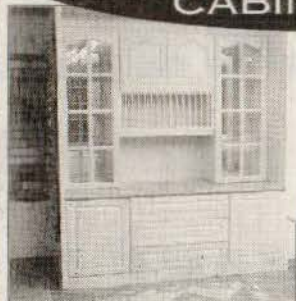
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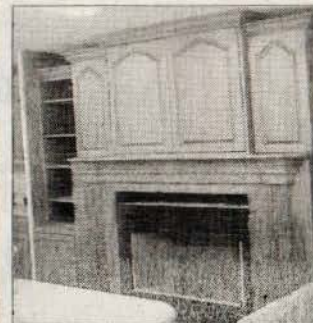
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Scholarship recipients and donors recognized at annual awards luncheon

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Endowed and annual scholarships were presented to 52 students at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held on May 22 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

This year's program was sponsored by BellSouth, which provided ECCC a \$10,000 grant earlier in the year. The contribution was part of BellSouth's \$150,000 statewide grant initiative involving the state's 15 com-

munity and junior colleges.

The scholarships, which are provided by alumni and friends of the college, play a vital role in providing financial assistance to ECCC students.

"Endowed and annual schol-

arships are a very important part of our mission at East Central," said Joe Killens, vice president for Student Services.

"The generosity of our alumni and friends helps us recruit the top students in our district. Many times these

scholarships are the deciding factor on whether a student attends ECCC or not. In addition, these scholarships are great rewards to students who have worked very hard in their studies and extracurricular activities."

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Scholarship	Recipient, High School/Hometown	Scholarship	Recipient, High School/Hometown
Alumni Association Warrior Golf Classic	Donald Justin Ingram, Carthage Amber King, Neshoba Central Pat Burke, Newton County Alex Fisher, Sebastopol Ryan Hudson, Louisville	Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton & Emerson Electric Scholarship	Jessica Boswell, Union
ATCO Loan	Latiska Townsend, South Leake	W. R. Covington	Crystal Nicole Hunter, Noxapater
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Heart and Hand Endowed	Lasha Bonds, Neshoba Central	LA-Z-BOY	Tina Morgan and Jessica Sheehan, Newton County
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Albert and Fannie Hollingsworth	Stephanie Griffin, Lake	Merchants and Farmers Bank	Krystal Winstead, Union
	Roxana Rogers, Lake		Tara Ryals, Neshoba Central
Henry and Faye McCully Hudspeth	Stephanie Blackenship, Noxapater	Mississippi Association of Supervisors	Obraisha Davis and Casey Griffin, Newton County; Julie Holley and Tiah Rae York, Neshoba Central
Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood	Ashley Fleming, Leake Academy		
Edwin and Marie Lowe	Tammy Faulkner, Morton	Dr. Margaret Mosal Memorial	Ashley Fleming, Leake Academy
Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial	Marley Smith, Union	New Directions	Sawana Jones, Forest
Ben Myers Memorial	Jennifer Johnson, Neshoba Central	Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council	Coco Graham, Philadelphia
	William Tingle, Philadelphia		
Polk and Jennie Pace	Matt Rigdon, Newton County	Philadelphia Sertoma Club	Anna Waltman, Neshoba Central
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Thomas W. Thrash Memorial	Blair Anderson, Newton County	Carthage Bank	Mary Kathryn Jones, Leake Acad.
Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent	Valerie Gibbs, Newton County	Hogue-Brantley	Deanna Gunn, Carthage
Weems Family	Christopher Bounds, Newton County Academy;	Russell McCann Memorial	Cedric Gray, Scott Central
	Kristin Taylor, Newton County	Harrison Memorial	Suzanne Chaney, Kristin Chaney, Jared Lanier, Megan McMahan and Jessica Sheehan, all of Newton County; and Zach Robinson, Union
J. C. White	Amy Mayo, Louisville		
Wilkes-Palmer	Jessica Creekmore, Nanih Waiya	Entergy Mississippi, Inc. Excellence In Education Scholarship for Vocational-Technical Students	Yuvonne Kidd, Newton County
Jones and Carrie Williamson & Bascom and Hattie Chisolm	Sharlie Moulds, Newton County		
General William Patrick Wilson Memorial	Amy Warner, Winston Academy	Jack and Mary Jo White	Aubrie Cleveland, Union

Signees

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East Central Community College 2003 Warrior Football Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 4
Holmes
(Away)
7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18
Pearl River
(Home)
6:30 p.m.

Workforce

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levels in various workplace environments.

Warren develops and delivers basic-to-advanced technological training to prepare technicians challenged with installing, maintaining and troubleshooting automated manufacturing technologies in modern work environments.

Westbrook provides small business establishment, growth consulting services and schedules seminars or workshops for individuals aspiring to expand an existing business or to maximize the potential of an entrepreneurial idea.

Hitt places and evaluates vocational-technical students in worksite settings who are attempting to earn a degree or upgrade their skill and knowledge base to qualify for a better career opportunity. The work-based learning program also allows employer expertise to drive the emphasis of educational delivery at the college.

Walker is responsible for providing employee assistance and data through the Mississippi Employment Security Commission to individuals without a job, those in between jobs or appli-



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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Members of the Workforce Development Center staff include (from left) Scotty Russell and Chris Clark, Workforce Development coordinators; Virgie Thames, secretary, Small Business Development Center; Jeff Hitt, Work-Based Learning coordinator; Emilie Smith, secretary; Ronald B. Westbrook, director, Small Business Development Center; Joe Renaud, Personal Development specialist; Tina Harris, Basic Skills specialist; and Roger Whitlock, director.

companies who partner with the college and frequently request the development of offerings to enable the 'grooming' of highly skilled, knowledgeable technicians capable of installing, maintaining and troubleshooting ever-changing technologies. Companies that are recruited to east central Mississippi can also

economic development roles are high priorities for ECCC and whether you're an existing employer, a potential employer, an individual needing to upgrade skills, change jobs, or you just want to polish your career skills, we'd appreciate the chance to help address your challenges. We just need you to express a

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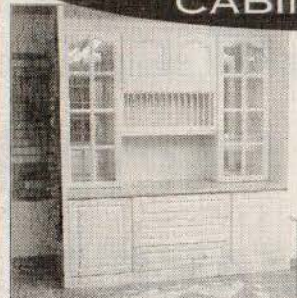
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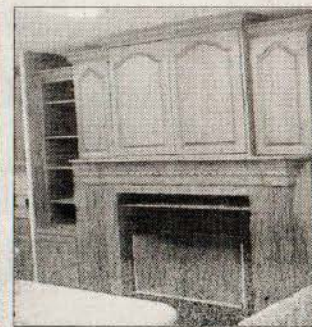
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ECCC and the state's other

community and junior colleges are legislated, resourced, funded and staffed to address your needs with quickness and quality. It could be as simple as a visit or call to express your specific challenge.

During the past year, the East Central Community College Workforce Development Center

provided customized workforce improvement services for more than 65 employers delivering 1,023 sessions and affecting 19,705 trainees with \$1,481,628 of state workforce education training support.

Now beginning its 10th year of service, personnel at the center are ever challenged to

raise potential customers' awareness of the services available, communicate the personal/professional benefits of utilizing these various services and share that all of the offerings are customized and made possible through the support of state workforce education funding sources.

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Whitlock continued, "Each staff member is a human

resource development person with access to funds, instructional content, progressive equipment, high-tech facilities and qualified trainers for employers to utilize in addressing efficiency, effectiveness, and productivity challenges. This team of dedicated professionals can meet with you one-on-one or make formal presentations to arrange seminars, workshops, training sessions, give access to online course libraries and/or provide funding support to strengthen already existing workforce training initiatives."

Members of the Workforce Development Center team include Joe Renaud, personal development specialist; Tina Harris, basic skills specialist; Chris Clark, workforce development coordinator; Scotty Russell, workforce development coordinator; Ronald B. Westbrook, director, Small Business Development Center; Blake Warren, coordinator/trainer, at the Productivity Enhancement Lab (located at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center); Jeff

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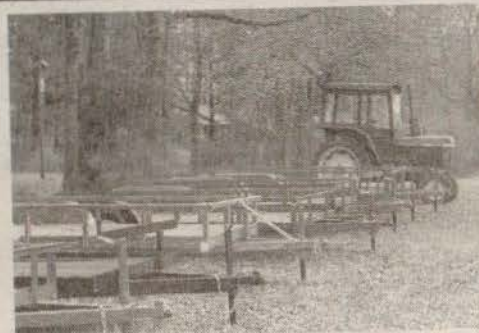
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Hitt, work-based learning coordinator and Jewel Walker, employment placement counselor.

Whitlock said each person in the center provides a unique role in addressing the needs of individuals and/or employers.

Renaud performs job analyses, personnel assessments and career counseling for employers looking to make wise human resource decisions or individuals attempting to improve their capacity to contribute in an employment setting.

Harris is responsible for coordinating the development and delivery of ABE/GED and English as a Second Language classes for individuals and employees seeking to raise their educational and productivity levels.

Clark's role is to coordinate customized technical, interpersonal and operational training for industries facing a variety of transition challenges to be productive and competitive in their respective markets.

Russell is responsible for coordinating specialized "people skills" training services for employees, supervisors and teams that work with processes to yield improved safety, productivity, quality and efficiency

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East Central Community College Warrior Soccer 2003 Schedule

August

Saturday 23	Mississippi Delta	(Away)	1 p.m.
Wednesday 27	Holmes	(Home)	5 p.m.
Saturday 30	East Mississippi	(Away)	1 p.m.

September

Wednesday 3	West Alabama	(Home)	5 p.m.
Saturday 6	Itawamba	(Away)	1 p.m.
Wednesday 10	Hinds	(Home)	5 p.m.
Saturday 13	Meridian*	(Away)	6 p.m.
Tuesday 16	Pearl River*	(Away)	3 p.m.
Saturday 20	Co-Lin*	(Home)	11 a.m.
Wednesday 24	Gulf Coast*	(Away)	3 p.m.
Saturday 27	Meridian*	(Home)	11 a.m.
Tuesday 30	Jones*	(Away)	2 p.m.

October

Friday 3	Alumni Game	(Home)	4 p.m.
Saturday 4	East Mississippi	(Homecoming)	10 a.m.
Wednesday 8	Jones*	(Home)	3 p.m.
Friday 10	Wallace State (Rush Classic)	(Meridian)	4 p.m.
Tuesday 14	Pearl River*	(Home)	3 p.m.
Saturday 18	Co-Lin*	(Away)	11 a.m.
Wednesday 22	Gulf Coast*	(Home)	3 p.m.
Saturday 25	MACJC State Semifinals		TBA
Sunday 26	MACJC State Finals		TBA

Healthcare professions a growing trend at ECCC

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East Central Community College continues to have numerous applicants for health-related programs offered at the college, which includes associate degree nursing, licensed practical nursing, surgical technology, gerontology technology, emergency medical technology-paramedic and medical office technology.

Upon successfully completing the two-year Associate Degree Nursing Program, graduates will meet requirements of the State Board of Nursing to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Registered Nurses.

In addition to the college's two-year ADN program, an LPN to RN Upgrade/Bridge Program is also available. Through this program, licensed practical nurses are eligible for advanced placement in the ADN courses.

For more information about Associate Degree Nursing or the LPN/RN Bridge Program,

students to assist in providing general nursing care. Upon completion of the 12-month program, successful participants will be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses. Kathy Buckman and Lori Luke serve as instructors.

Surgical Technology is a 12-month instructional program that prepares students to serve as a member of the surgical team. The associate of applied science degree in Surgical Technology will be awarded to successful graduates of the 24-month program. Qualified graduates may apply to the Association of Surgical Technologies for the National Certifying Examination and become a certified or registered technologist. Lee Ann Shirley and Kristie Pilgrim serve as instructors.

Gerontology Technology is designed to provide the community with well-trained individuals who have an in-depth understanding of the aging process and its physical, mental

Boulton serves as instructor.

EMT-Paramedic Technology is a five-semester program that trains healthcare professionals who provide a high

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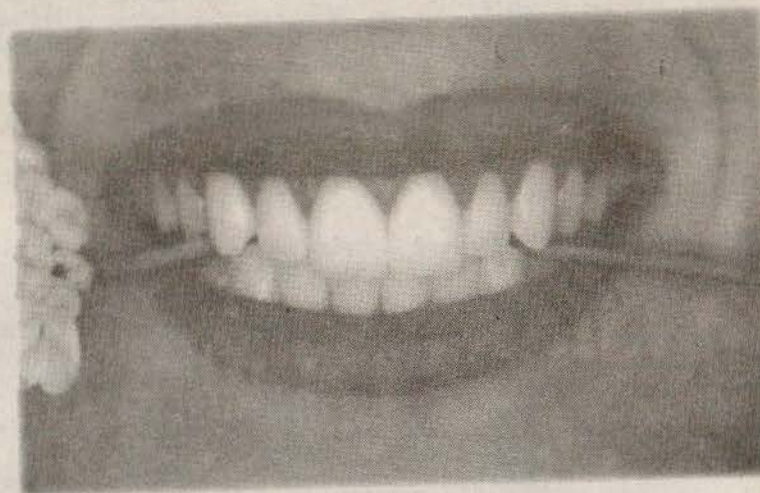
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CPT-1332-35	Operating Platforms	TUK	405	M	2:30 pm	4:30 pm	Dickerson	BOT-2413-45	Computerized Accounting	TUK	402	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
PNV-1213-35	Body Structure & Function	RIVES	31	M	4:00 pm	7:00 pm	Buckman	CDT-1214-45	Child Development I	ADNCC	47	W	6:00 pm	10:00 pm
ACC-1213-45	Principles of Accounting I	NEW-H	105	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Barnett	CDT-1214-45L	Child Development I Lab	ADNCC	47	W	6:00 pm	10:00 pm
AGR-2343-45	Forest Measurements	C-H	23	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Faurot	EPY-2533-46	Human Growth & Development	NEW-H	102	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
BAD-2413-45	Legal Environment of Business	NEW-H	115	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Herrington	HPR-1313-45	Introduction To Health, PE, REC	NEW-H	92	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
BIO-1144-45	General Biology II	C-H	11	M	6:00 pm	10:00 pm	Johnson, J.	HPR-1581-45	Aerobics II	RIVES	Gym	W	6:00 pm	7:00 pm
BIO-1144-45L	General Biology II Lab	C-H	11	M	6:00 pm	10:00 pm	Johnson, J.	HPR-2213-45	First Aid	NEW-H	90	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
BIO-2924-46	Microbiology	C-H	15	M	6:00 pm	10:00 pm	Staff	HPR-2433-45	Basketball Theory	NEW-H	115	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
BIO-2924-46L	Microbiology Lab	C-H	15	M	6:00 pm	10:00 pm	Staffs	PSY-1513-45	General Psychology	NEW-H	109	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
BOT-1143-45	Word Processing	TUK	404	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Bullock	SOC-2143-45	Marriage And Family	C-H	22	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
BOT-2133-45	Desktop Publishing	TUK	405	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Chandler							
CDT-2413-45	Atypical Child	ADNCC	47	M	6:00 pm	10:00 pm	George	CPT-1324-35	Survey Of Microcomputer	TUK	406	R	2:30 pm	6:30 pm
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								BIO-2313-45	Dendrology	C-H	15	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm

CRJ-1313-45	Intro to Criminal Justice	NEW-H	106	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Williams
DDT-1114-45	Fundamentals of Drafting	TUK	316	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Harrison, G.
DDT-1323-45	Intermediate CAD	TUK	315	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Mayes
ENG-1103-45	Developmental English I	NEW-H	104	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Ward
EPY-2533-45	Human Growth & Development	NEW-H	109	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Sparkman
GER-1223-45	Human Services For The Elderly	ETH	10	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Boulton
HIS-2213-45	American History I	NEW-H	102	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	McCool
HPR-2453-45	Baseball Theory	NEW-H	92	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Yarborough
MAT-1233-45	Intermediate Algebra	ETH	001	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Kelly
MAT-1313-45	College Algebra	ETH	003	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Clark, R.
MAT-1743-45	Problem Solving with Real Nos.	ETH	002	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Pearce, K.S.
MUS-2513-45	Music for Children	OSV	506	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Blaylock
PHY-2244-45	Physical Science Survey I	RIVES	16	M	6:00 pm	10:00 pm	Alexander, D.
PHY-2244-45L	Physical Science Survey I Lab	RIVES	16	M	6:00 pm	10:00 pm	Alexander, D.
PSC-1113-45	American National Government	NEW-H	90	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Price, D.
WFL-1213-45	Intro to Wildlife & Fisheries	C-H	22	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Hamrick
MFL-1213-35	Elementary Spanish I	NEW-H	92	TR	4:00 pm	5:30 pm	Lane
CPT-1214-35	Visual Basic Programming	TUK	405	T	2:30 pm	6:30 pm	Johnson, B.
MAT-1103-35	Nursing Math	ADNCC	14	T	4:00 pm	7:00 pm	Dear, D.
EDU-2511-35	Intro to Elementary Education	TUK	318	T	4:30 pm	5:30 pm	Sanders, M.
AGR-2314-45	Soils	C-H	15	T	6:00 pm	10:00 pm	Eichelberger
AGR-2314-45L	Soils Lab	C-H	15	T	6:00 pm	10:00 pm	Eichelberger
ART-1113-45	Art Appreciation	OSV	534	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Guraedy
BOT-1313-45	Applied Business Math	TUK	403	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Staff
BOT-1613-45	Medical Office Terminology I	TUK	402	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Byram
BOT-2143-45	Operating Systems	TUK	404	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Pace
CDT-2613-45	Methods & Materials	ADNCC	47	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Wright
CHE-1214-45	General Chemistry I	C-H	22	T	6:00 pm	10:00 pm	Clopton
CHE-1214-45L	General Chemistry I Lab	C-H	22	T	6:00 pm	10:00 pm	Clopton
CRJ-2333-45	Criminal Investigations	NEW-H	106	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Williams
CSC-1113-45	Intro to Computer Concepts	RIVES	19	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Case
DDT-1313-45	Principles of CAD	TUK	315	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Harrison, G.
ECO-2113-45	Principles of Economics I	NEW-H	115	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Herrington
ENG-1113-45	English Composition I	NEW-H	104	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Staff
MAT-1723-45	The Real Number System	ETH	002	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Fulton
MUS-1113-45	Music Appreciation	OSV	507	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Jenkins
SPT-1113-45	Oral Communications	NEW-H	90	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Vaughn
EDU-2511-36	Intro to Elementary Education	TUK	318	W	4:30 pm	5:30 pm	Sanders, M.
HPR-1571-35	Aerobics I	RIVES	Gym	W	5:00 pm	6:00 pm	Hodge
ART-2613-45	Ceramics I	RIVES	106	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Guraedy
ART-2623-45	Ceramics II	RIVES	106	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Guraedy
BIO-1134-45	General Biology I	C-H	20	W	6:00 pm	10:00 pm	Lejeune

BIO-2524-45	Anatomy & Physiology II	C-H	22	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
BIO-2524-45L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	C-H	22	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
BOT-1713-45	Mechanics of Communication	TUK	403	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
CRJ-1353-45	Internship in Criminal Justice	NEW-H	106	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
CSC-1123-45	Microcomputer Applications	RIVES	19	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
DDT-1313-46	Principles of CAD	TUK	315	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
HIS-2223-45	American History II	NEW-H	102	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
MAT-1323-45	Trigonometry	NEW-H	104	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
ACC-1223-45	Principles Of Accounting II	NEW-H	105	S	8:00 am	11:00 am
HIS-1163-45	World Civilization I	NEW-H	102	S	8:00 am	11:00 am
MAT-1203-45	Developmental Algebra	NEW-H	115	S	8:00 am	11:00 am

CHOCTAW RESERVATION

Registration will be Thursday, August 14 at the Choctaw Reservation at 6:00 p.m.					
BOT-1843-52	Keyboard Concepts	RES	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
ENG-1123-52	English Composition II	RES	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
MAT-1203-52	Developmental Algebra	RES	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
MAT-1313-52	College Algebra	RES	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
BAD-2413-52	Legal Environment of Business	RES	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
BOT-1613-52	Medical Office Terminology I	RES	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
CPT-1324-52	Survey of Microcomputer App	RES	T	6:00 pm	10:00 pm
HIS-2213-52	American History I	RES	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
MAT-1233-52	Intermediate Algebra	RES	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
BOT-1123-52	Keyboarding Speedbuilding	RES	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
MAT-1313-53	College Algebra	RES	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
ENG-2233-52	American Literature II	RES	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
PSC-1113-52	American National Government	RES	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm

FOREST-SCOTT COUNTY CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

Registration will be Wednesday, August 13 at the Forest-Scott County Career & Technical Center					
EMT-1116-55	EMT	VO-TEC	MR	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
ENG-1113-55	English Composition I	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
HIS-1163-55	World Civilization I	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
MAT-1313-55	College Algebra	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
ACC-1213-55	Principles Of Accounting I	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
MUS-1113-55	Music Appreciation	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
PSC-1113-55	American National Government	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
SPT-1113-55	Oral Communication	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
EPY-2533-55	Human Growth & Development	VO-TEC	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
HIS-2213-55	American History I	VO-TEC	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
PSY-1513-55	General Psychology	VO-TEC	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
MAT-1233-55	Intermediate Algebra	VO-TEC	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm

2003 Fall Evening Schedule

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LEAKE COUNTY VOCATIONAL CENTER - CARTHAGE

Registration will be Tuesday, August 12 at the Leake County Vocational Center at 6:00 p.m.

BOT-1613-57	Medical Office Terminology I	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Davidson
CPT-1324-57	Survey Of Microcomputer App	VO-TEC	TBA	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Chandler
ENG-1113-57	English Composition I	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Boone
ENG-2223-57	American Literature I	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Kinton
MAT-1313-57	College Algebra	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Burnside
PSY-1513-57	General Psychology	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Reeves, C.
HIS-2213-57	American History I	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Smith
EPY-2533-57	Human Growth and Develop.	VO-TEC	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Reeves, C.
MAT-1233-57	Intermediate Algebra	VO-TEC	W	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Burnside
ENG-1123-57	English Composition II	VO-TEC	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Boone
SPT-1113-57	Oral Communication	VO-TEC	R	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Corley



PHILADELPHIA-MEMPHIS COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER

Registration will be Tuesday, August 12 at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational Center at 6:00 p.m.					
jeune	EMT-1116-61	EMT	VO-TEC	MR	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Chambers
andler	CSC-1123-61	Microcomputer Applications	VO-TEC	TBA	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Luke
Williams	ACC-1213-61	Principles of Accounting	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Williams, K.
ase	BOT-1613-61	Medical Office Terminology I	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Cannon
ayes	FCS-1253-61	Nutrition	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Miller
ackson	SOC-2113-61	Introduction to Sociology	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Blossom
earce, K.	SPT-1113-61	Oral Communication	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Stokes
	ENG-2223-61	American Literature I	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Cole
arnett	MFL-1213-61	Elementary Spanish I	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Reed
now, A.	MAT-1233-61	Intermediate Algebra	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Brown
elly, S.	MAT-1323-61	Trigonometry	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Carter
	EPY-2533-61	Human Growth & Development	VO-TEC	W	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Hitt
	HIS-2213-61	American History I	VO-TEC	W	6:00 pm 9:00 pm McCool
	MAT-1313-61	College Algebra	VO-TEC	W	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Mowdy
arner	ENG-1113-61	English Composition I	VO-TEC	R	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Cole
agler	HIS-2223-61	American History II	VO-TEC	R	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Smith
elly	MAT-1733-61	Geometry and Measurement	VO-TEC	R	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Brown
McCullough	PSC-1113-61	American National Gov.	VO-TEC	R	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Lee
till	MAT-1313-62	College Algebra	VO-TEC	S	8:00 am 11:00 am Mowdy

WINSTON-LOUISVILLE VOCATIONAL COMPLEX

Registration will be Wednesday, August 13 at the Winston-Louisville Vocational Complex at 6:00 p.m.

ark, R.	BAD-2413-68	Legal Environ. Of Business	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Still
arner	BOT-1143-68	Word Processing	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Snow, P.
McCullough	HIS-1163-68	World Civilization I	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Matthews
agler	HPR-1213-68	Personal & Community Health	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Smith, S.
ott	PSC-1113-68	American National Government	VO-TEC	M	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Keller
	BOT-1613-68	Medical Office Terminology I	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Calvert
	ENG-1113-68	English Composition I	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Moore, P.
	ENG-2223-68	American Literature I	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Stokes
	MAT-1333-68	Finite Mathematics	VO-TEC	T	6:00 pm 9:00 pm McCullough
arker	BIO-2313-68	Dendrology	VO-TEC	W	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Faurot
ill, W.	MAT-1233-68	Intermediate Algebra	VO-TEC	W	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Higgingbotham
now, A.	MAT-1313-68	College Algebra	VO-TEC	W	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Wright, S.
eeves, H.	SPT-1113-68	Oral Communication	VO-TEC	W	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Stokes, P.
Williams	HIS-2213-68	American History I	VO-TEC	R	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Staff
ill, W.	MAT-1323-68	Trigonometry	VO-TEC	R	6:00 pm 9:00 pm Carter

2003 FALL SEMESTER CALENDAR

August 15 - Summer Orientation for New Students

August 17 - Residence Halls Open at 2:00 p.m.

August 18 - Begin Day and Evening Classes,

Late Registration Fee Charged

August 22 - Last Day to Register for MSVCC Online Courses

August 25 - MSVCC Courses Begin

August 29 - Last Day to Register or Change Classes

September 1 - Labor Day Holiday (Evening Classes Meet)

September 26 -

Last Day to Remove I's of Previous Semester

November 4 -

Last Day to Withdraw with a W from MSVCC Classes

November 17 -

Spring Semester Advance Registration Begins

November 21 - Last Day to withdraw with a W from

all Courses Except MSVCC (see November 4)

November 24-28 - Thanksgiving Holidays

December 8 - Last Day of Regular Classes

December 9-12 - Day Final Exams

